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Final throw: John Major engaged in last minute canvassing in a Southampton shopping centre yesterday just before his face was cut by an egg. Police arrested a young man and charged him

## Major gambles with attack on hung parliament

BY ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN Major and his government yesterday took a final gamble on their election strategy by highlighting the dangers of a hung parliament.

Despite the risk of conceding the fragility of the Conservative position, Mr Major and Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, sought to persuade the country that an uncertain election outcome "so weak that it could never take strong decisions" such as

those which had launched the Falklands expedition and the Gulf war. He reiterated that there were no circumstances in which his party would do a deal with the Liberal Democrats.

Mr Major, an implacable opponent of voting reform, accused Labour and the Liberal Democrats of "flirting with the constitution" even before the advent of a hung parliament. Mr Hurd said that a hung parliament would "hang the recovery and paralyse business decisions".

He told a press conference in London that the uncertainty it would create would mean that interest and mortgage rates would be likely to rise. In a hung parliament, he said, "everything would be done for party interest and nothing in the national interest".

Later Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, joined the attack on proportional representation. In a speech in Stroud he declared that its introduction in Britain could prove to be a "pact in the devil". He cited German elections last weekend and said PR would help extremist minorities to gain power. "Proportional representation has helped the fascists to march again in Europe," he said.

As constitutional questions again dominated yesterday's election exchanges, Mr Ashdown seemed to soften his terms for a coalition deal. He suggested on the BBC's *Election Call* programme that he might be prepared to buttress a minority government without a commitment to voting reform. He made it clear that he was prepared to bring down a minority government which did not offer PR in a Queen's Speech, but he could not give an "in all circumstances undertaking".

"Sensible people don't close every option," he said, suggesting that he might have to think again if there was a war again.

### Players play

The strike threat to Saturday's Rumbelows cup final was lifted when Premier League clubs revised their offer to the Professional Footballers Association. Nearly 94 per cent of the players had voted for the strike, but postponed the action to consider the new deal.

### Bomb attack

The IRA was accused of recklessly planting a small bomb in the West End of London which smashed windows and disrupted traffic but injured no one.

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## EC refuses Irish request for abortion rewrite of Maastricht treaty



Andrews: hoped to open brief conference

EUROPEAN Community ministers yesterday refused Ireland's request to reopen the Maastricht treaty so that a special clause on abortion could be rewritten, triggering an unexpected political crisis in Dublin and complicating any future attempt by a Labour government to take Britain into the social charter.

The Maastricht treaty on political and economic union, which has been signed but not ratified by the EC's 12 governments, includes a protocol assuring Ireland that EC law does not interfere with the 1983 Irish constitutional ban on abortion. But the recent

abortion case in the Irish supreme court ruled that the drafting of the protocol did not guarantee that the anti-abortion law would not collide with EC law on freedom of movement and information.

The Irish foreign minister David Andrews yesterday asked his fellow ministers to open a brief inter-governmental conference to rewrite protocol 17 of the treaty. He said: "We are determined to prevent what is essentially a side issue in the Community from becoming a central issue in our national debate on the Maastricht treaty." A majority of eight coun-

tries, including France and Germany, refused and offered a non-binding declaration which would not be part of the treaty.

The Irish request, which was supported by Britain, The Netherlands and Denmark, has raised the possibility that the treaty might unravel if countries are given the opportunity to discuss it again. Ratification debates in several states have heard noisy calls for renegotiation. Objections

range from doubts in Germany about a single currency to unsatisfied subsidy demands from southern countries.

Many ministers said yesterday that opening a new treaty conference, however briefly, would open a "Pandora's box" of complications. "We will not open this box again," a senior EC official said afterwards.

This unexpectedly harsh refusal to reopen Maastricht issues may

complicate any attempt by a Labour government to take Britain into the social charter clauses of the treaty, which were accepted only by 11 states. Labour leaders hope to call an inter-governmental conference on the social clauses within a month of taking office. Whitehall has already advised Labour leaders that they cannot afford to wait: the Danish government has asked its partners not to alter the treaty text after mid-May in order to avoid complications in its own ratification referendum in early June.

As a contingency, British officials have discussed with the EC the possibility that Britain could accept the social clauses of the treaty without calling a fully-fledged treaty conference. EC states would simply make a declaration that the section of the treaty saying that certain social laws would apply to 11 states only would be inoperative.

But Whitehall officials regard this method as second best and open to challenge in the courts. British sources said yesterday that Ireland's rejection would not help Britain's case but that other EC governments would be more sympathetic to clearing up the social charter than the abortion issue.

## Bomb blast in deserted alley leaves police puzzled

BY LIN JENKINS AND MICHAEL HORNELL

A BOMB believed to have been planted by the IRA exploded in the West End of London yesterday smashing windows but injuring no one. Two people were treated for shock at the scene.

The device, containing less than 1lb of high explosive, went off shortly after 9.15am in an alley outside a block of flats in Briddle Lane, just north of Piccadilly Circus. Anti-terrorist squad officers confirmed that the device was typical of those used by the IRA, but were puzzled as to the target.

Disruption was kept to a minimum and the main routes in the area were reopened to traffic within minutes. A spokesman said that was not the result of a change of policy, but simply reflected the size of the bomb and the fact that it was in a "non-sensitive area" with no obvious targets.

Bombs in more sensitive areas, such as the one in Whitehall near the National Liberal Club, have seriously delayed London traffic for most of a day. There has been concern over the ease with which the IRA can disrupt the capital, and efforts have been made to ensure that life returns to normal as soon as possible.

Commander George Churchill-Coleman, head of the anti-terrorist squad, who spent ten minutes at the scene, said that planting the

bomb was sheer recklessness. "No warnings were given and we were fortunate that there were no casualties." He added that there appeared to be no obvious target.

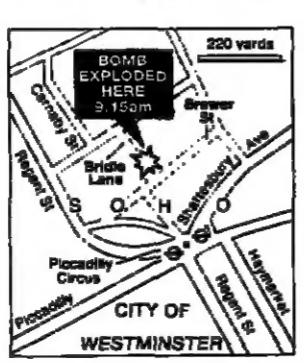
Ten minutes before the explosion a man on a black BMW motor cycle was seen outside the office block with the engine running. Mark Bostock, aged 35, a photographer's agent, said: "I noticed him on my way to work in Briddle Lane and wondered what he was doing there. He was just sitting there."

"The next thing that happened was a flash and big explosion. I'd just got into the office in an alleyway off Briddle Lane. The windows blew out and there was smoke everywhere. I went outside and the whole street was covered in glass. Window frames were hanging out and there was damage to the brickwork where I work about 15ft away from the explosion. If I'd

been passing at the time instead of earlier it would have been the end of me."

As anti-terrorist squad officers combed the debris in pouring rain, a senior officer said: "It's difficult to imagine what the target was supposed to be. Briddle Lane is a very ordinary, quiet road and the office block where the device was placed is empty."

John Cooke, a butcher, aged 46, said: "I saw the thing go off. There was a blinding flash and an explosion. There was no one there at the time or I wouldn't have given much for their chances. But there was someone running, presumably to get away from the falling glass. The explosion at first seemed to come from the inside of the building because all the glass flew out."


 A map of the Soho area in London, showing the location of the bomb explosion. The map includes labels for 'BOMB EXPLODED', 'Harrow St', 'Bridle Lane', 'SOHO', 'Piccadilly Circus', and 'CITY OF WESTMINSTER'. A scale bar indicates 220 yards.

The possibility of an IRA attack during the election has been awaited since the IRA

## Consumers shrug off inflation

BY DAVID YOUNG

CONSUMERS in the South-East, East Anglia and the South-West are becoming less concerned about inflation and unemployment, but are still making no plans for any major spending, according to the latest Gallup/BSL survey of consumers.

It shows that there are reasons to infer a slight rise in consumer spending in the first quarter of this year, but gives no strong backing to government assertions that the recession is showing signs of ending.

The slight rise in consumer confidence follows from the decline in consumer spending seen in 1991, the sharpest since national accounts were first collected in 1984.

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## Parents plead for help to find killer

BY RICHARD DUCE

THE family of Nicholas Hanscomb, who was stabbed to death at Notting Hill Carnival, yesterday appealed for public help in finding his killer. The attacker has still to be traced after seven months, an inquest was told yesterday.

Dr Hanscomb, aged 38, became involved in a scuffle with a group of men at the carnival and was stabbed in the leg. He gave chase but collapsed and bled to death from his wound, the Westminster coroner, Dr Paul Chapman, was told.

After the coroner recorded a verdict that Dr Hanscomb, of Highgate, north London had been unlawfully killed, John Hanscomb, his father, said that the family had been "devastated and crushed".

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 A black and white photograph of Nicholas Hanscomb, a man with dark hair and a beard, looking slightly to the side.

Hanscomb: stabbed in scuffle at carnival

A POLITICAL campaign that could make the general election appear mild threatens to disrupt the haleys on all surrounding the exclusive greens of the Dulwich and Sydenham golf club, which once provided relaxation for Denis Thatcher.

At the forthcoming annual meeting, women members are to demand the same right as men to use the course whenever they wish. In a troubled world, Mr Thatcher and other male members have been able to escape from high powered petticoat regimes to the course, which

prevents women from playing before noon at the weekend.

As one member said: "Traditionally, women were considered to be housewives with lots of time to play golf during the week. It was seen as only fair that at weekends their use of the course should be restricted so that men could relax after a hard week at the office. Although the role of women may have changed, there is still a feeling among the men that it is nice to have a few hours without the ladies who are anyway pretty poor golfers."

The issue is considered so sensitive that the woman secretary of the

## Dilemma of Shavian legacy

BY SIMON TAIT

ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE British Library will try to wrest control of the fund set up by George Bernard Shaw, worth up to £500,000 a year in royalties from his works, from the British Museum.

Brian Lang, chief executive of the library, said yesterday he had asked for an early meeting with Robert Anderson, the new director of the British Museum, and Lord Windlesham, the chairman of the museum's trustees.

In his early years in London, Shaw spent most days in the museum's reading room researching and laying the groundwork for his career. Before his death, in 1950, he arranged for the museum board of trustees to be made a beneficiary of royalty income "in acknowledgement of the incalculable value to me of my daily resort to the reading room".

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## Football riot trial threatened by ban on police secrecy

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE trial of 19 Manchester United supporters who are accused of rioting could collapse after the High Court yesterday upheld a decision that undercover police officers should give evidence in public police said.

The defendants face charges including conspiracy to riot, rioting and causing violent disorder. They were arrested in a raid codenamed Operation Mars, which followed an investigation into football violence between September 1989 and October 1990.

The High Court yesterday rejected an application by the Director of Public Prosecutions, acting for the police, to overturn a judgment that the officers should not be allowed to keep their identities screened from the public. The Home Office said that a decision on whether witnesses gave evidence from behind screens was at the discretion of the trial judge.

Lord Justice Lloyd, sitting with Mr Justice Waterhouse, ruled that the prosecution had no right of appeal against the decision by Judge Owen at Manchester crown court last year. Lord Justice Lloyd added that it was not

open to the prosecution to seek a judicial review whenever faced with what is regarded as an inconvenient or unjust decision.

In a ruling which could affect similar trials, he said that the prosecution had never had a right of appeal in such circumstances. The courts, he added, should not create a "surrogate right of appeal" by extending the supervisory role of the High Court through judicial review even if this meant that a trial never took place.

Last year at Manchester crown court, Judge Owen decided that the undercover officers should not be allowed to keep their identities screened. The police had argued that the risk to the officers came not so much from the defendants but from drug dealers and other criminals who sat in the public galleries at the crown court to obtain information about undercover officers. Judge Owen said he had no objection to the officers not revealing their names and addresses in open court but said he would not put up with secrecy surrounding evidence in court.

The High Court overturned another ruling by

Judge Owen that the trial on the conspiracy charges should not take place at all because of delay by the prosecution in bringing the case to court. The judge stayed those charges because the delay amounted to an abuse of the court process. Lord Justice Lloyd said the judge had been the victim of "inexplicable confusion" and there had been no unjustifiable delay on the part of the prosecution. It had taken time for the police to build up a picture of the alleged conspiracy.

Anthony Scrivenor, QC, for the defence, said that he would seek leave to appeal to the Lords over whether the High Court had power to intervene through judicial review proceedings in cases where a stay had been ordered on charges which formed the whole or part of an indictment in a criminal trial. He said it was of public importance that the issue should be resolved because many other cases were "in the pipeline".

Greater Manchester police declined to comment last night because "the matter may now be appealed to the House of Lords and remains sub judice."

## Vandals blamed for fire at Aintree

BY JOHN YOUNG

THE fire which burned down Becher's Brook, the Grand National's most famous fence, was probably started by vandals, police said yesterday.

About £2,000 of damage was caused by the fire on Sunday night, the day after huge crowds had watched Party Politics win the famous steeplechase.

The arsonist struck when most of the strict security precautions imposed for the three-day meeting had been lifted. The 60ft wide fence, consisting of wooden stakes built up with spruce and thorn, was reduced to charred twigs and stumps.

In recent years the Grand National has been the target of animal rights activists who claim the race has caused an unacceptable number of deaths and injuries. Police believe that protesters would have struck before or during the race. Last year, demonstrators invaded the course, delaying the start by ten minutes, and others set fire to the new Queen Mother stand.

But police said that activists may have encouraged local youths to start Sunday night's blaze. John Parrett, general manager of Aintree racecourse, said that earlier in the day security staff had chased children with petrol cans from the course. Eric Dempsey, a fire officer, said: "The fence was engulfed in flames when we got there. Someone had run along the whole length with petrol. We could smell it."

Becher's Brook was named after Captain Martin Becher, who rode a horse called Conrad in the first race in 1839 and was pitched headlong into the brook on the landing side. It has accounted for six of the 13 horses killed in the race in the last 23 years.

The fence was made safer in 1989 after two horses, Brown Trix and Seandem, fell at the fence and had to be destroyed. No horses or jockeys were seriously injured in last Saturday's race.

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## BA's cadet pilots hired by rival

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

NEWLY-TRAINED British Airways pilots, many of whom are having to work as cabin crew because of the drop in the number of air passengers, are being recruited by Cathay Pacific to fly jumbo jets, provided that they are not at the controls for take-off or landing.

The "cruise only" pilots are needed to monitor the instruments of long-range Boeing 747s while the main crew rests during non-stop flights between Hong Kong and Europe. They are not allowed to handle the aircraft below 10,000ft but gain experience of sitting on the flight deck.

The pilots, who were trained by BA at a cost of about £50,000 each, will eventually be given permanent jobs with the airline, but have not been hired but dozens of would-be pilots are paying to go through the two-year course needed to obtain an Airline Transport Pilots Licence.

Ken Meehan, principal of the Oxford Air Training School, said: "They are using all sorts of means of raising the cash and, despite the sacrifice and the lack of vacancies today, I am convinced that those who join now will all get jobs when they are qualified. Hundreds of pilots will retire over the next two years and all the signs are that the airlines are poised to grow strongly from now on."

## Police seek sick boy

POLICE looking for a missing boy aged five who needs regular medication for a heart condition concentrated their hunt yesterday on two holiday resorts (Paul Wilkinson writes).

Luke Welsh was last seen on Friday with his mother Marie, aged 34, at Leeds station. Mrs Welsh has agoraphobia, a fear of open spaces, and West Yorkshire police, co-ordinating the search, say that she was also depressed.

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lowing up comments made by Mrs Welsh to her family that she wanted to visit the seaside, especially Blackpool and Scarborough. The police said: "The sooner we can trace this lad the better. Luke needs medication for his condition, regularly and things could become serious if he doesn't receive it."

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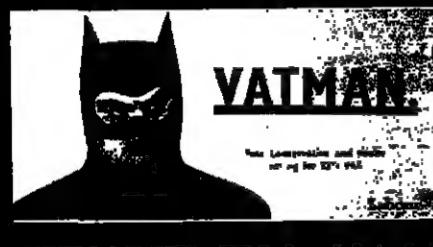
# Whatever happened to Education,



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# Europe, The Environment, Constitutional Reform, Transport, Housing and Energy?



Liberal Democrats

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what we're going to do.

Britain opposed on two fronts

## Ports demand open borders within EC

GOVERNMENT attempts to retain border controls in the single European market will be opposed by Brussels bureaucrats and UK port managers determined to drag Britain into line with the rest of Europe next year.

The European Commission will this month publish a report insisting that Britain has a legal obligation to abolish systematic frontier controls on people as well as goods, and five leading British ferry ports plan a campaign to demand the abolition of frontier formalities.

With 269 days before the single market comes into existence, commission officials fear that British opposition to the free movement of people is undermining the vision of a Europe without frontiers. UK port managers are worried that the preservation of border controls could impair the ports' viability.

Although customs formalities are being eliminated or located away from frontiers, the government has made clear its determination to retain systematic immigration controls at all UK points of entry, defying commission demands for the abolition of controls between member states. The commission maintains that any immigration

Brussels is not alone in calling for relaxed frontier controls. Michael Dynes reports

controls after next year would be a violation of Article 8a of the Single European Act, as ratified by Britain in 1987. Home Office officials say that nothing in the agreement requires Britain to abandon immigration controls over third country nationals, including those arriving from other member states.

If you travel between Scotland and England there are no frontier checks," he said. "The borders between Britain and the other member states should be exactly the same. The fact that they will not be is nothing more than a hangover from the old ways of doing things. Britain will be left out in the cold yet again."

Mr Whitehead said he sympathised with the government's conviction that increased vigilance at the European Community's external frontier would be insufficient to compensate for abolishing internal frontier controls. However, the government had not made any effort to help to strengthen the external frontier.

*The Times Guide to the Single European Market*, by Richard Owen and Michael Dynes, will be published by Times Books on April 23, price £9.99.



Passport please: the EC says that immigration controls will violate the Single European Act

### Poll tax protesters jailed

Four poll tax protesters were sentenced yesterday for their part in a riot in Colchester, Essex, after a three-month trial estimated to have cost £5 million.

At Norwich crown court, Terry Frost, aged 23, of Colchester, was sentenced to two years in prison for riot; Andrew Hester, aged 21, of Aylesford, received 18 months for riot; Christine Hammett, aged 36, of Colchester, nine months for violent disorder. Patrick Tyler, aged 19, of Brightlingsea, was sentenced to six months' detention in a young offenders' institution for violent disorder.

Judge Birns acknowledged that many people were opposed to the tax but said that the disturbances had posed a grave danger to public safety.

### Attack penalty

Paul Chan-Collins, aged 27, of Clapham, southwest London, who butted Ben Summerskill, aged 30, editor of *The Pink Paper*, a periodical for homosexuals, was sentenced to 80 hours' community service by Southwark crown court.

**Police cars hit**  
Four police cars were damaged by bricks and bottles and a stolen car was burnt out, after over 30 youths gathered to watch joyriders in Littlemore, Oxford. Four youths were arrested.

### Tourist knifed

A Texan tourist aged 68 has suffered serious eye damage after being slashed with a knife on his face, body, legs and arms in Southwark, south London. His attacker made off with a wallet containing about £50.

### Priest accused

A Catholic priest was accused of gross indecency with a boy aged under 14 at Douai Abbey, near Reading, Berkshire. Newbury magistrates remanded Father Michael Creagh, aged 55, on bail.

### Regional best

The Birmingham *Evening Mail* was named Newspaper of the Year and Daily Newspaper of the Year in the UK *Press Gazette* regional press awards.

### Officers hurt

Two policemen were taken to hospital after a fight broke out in a food shop in Hackney, east London.

### School cuts prompt protest

BY MATTHEW D'ANCONA  
EDUCATION REPORTER

PARENTS from 17 local education authorities gathered in London yesterday to protest at cuts at their children's schools and to support demands for a re-examination of educational funding after the election.

Reductions in local government spending and the pressure of formula funding, which links each school's budget to the number of pupils it attracts, have forced many schools to seek financial help from parents.

John Morgan, a parent and the chairman of governors at Crays primary school in Three Crosses, West Glamorgan, said that the school was underfunded by between 10 and 15 per cent and that parents had stopped attending social functions because they knew that they would be asked for money. "We have managed to stay afloat only by making drastic economies," he said.

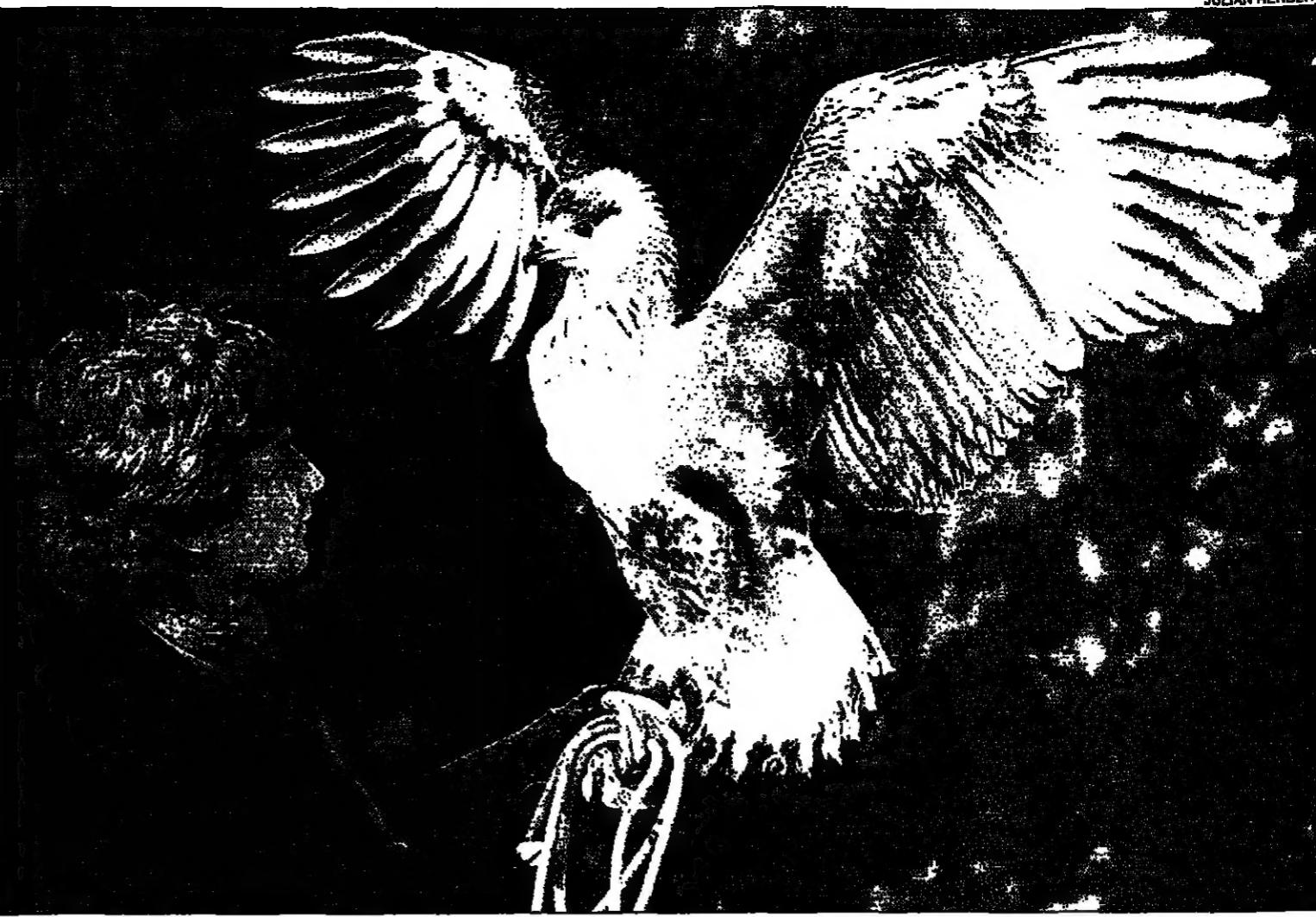
"We have lost a half-time teacher. We have made a massive cut in spending on essential equipment. Our children only have paper, pencils and books because we have used money donated by parents. But our community is a very mixed one and not all parents can afford to give money."

The head teacher, Mr Morgan said, was also doing the school's secretarial work and acting as caretaker in the evenings.

Jennifer Faulkner, a parent from St Paul's school, Dorking, Surrey, said that the school had raised £30,000 in the past five years from jumble sales and other emergency measures to meet the costs of basic equipment. "We seem to have a jumble sale system of education where a child's chance of attending a well equipped school depends on his or her parent's abilities at fund raising," she said.

The Campaign for State Education, which organised the meeting, argues that the extent of underfunding has been obscured by the reluctance of schools to appear vulnerable in the educational market place.

Sharon Goulds, of the school parents' association in Wandsworth, southwest London, said that cuts under discussion in the borough would mean classes of 40 and under-staffing of schools, but that head teachers had been prevented by the local authority from discussing the problem with parents.



Featherweight: a ten-week-old African fish eagle with its handler Jemima Parry-Jones, owner of the National Birds of Prey Centre at Newent near Gloucester. It is one of two that Mrs Parry-Jones believes are the first to be hatched in captivity

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## Constitutional change rejected

## Baker claims PR has helped fascists to march again

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

THE Conservatives launched their toughest attack on proportional representation yesterday. Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, said that PR could be "a pact with the devil" and that it had "helped the fascists to march again in Europe", making it easier for extremists to gain power.

He said that the fascist Republikaner party had taken 11 per cent of the vote in the state of Baden-Württemberg in German regional elections under the PR system. It was because of concern about a "flood of migrants and would-be asylum seekers" such as he had been voicing in Britain.

Mr Baker said that the other parties in Britain were not prepared to discuss the tough immigration and asylum laws on which good race relations depended and they would introduce in PR a political system which would "unleash extremists who fed upon public concern about this issue".

The German experience, he said, was "a terrible warning to us about what could happen if we threw away our system of first past the post elections". That is what Mr Ashdown wants us to do. It is what Mr Kinnock is prepared to do as the price for power.

The home secretary's comments came as the Conservatives took the risk of looking defeatist by focusing their London press conference on the Liberal Democrats' agenda of a hung parliament, PR and constitutional change.

John Major was firmly against any concessions to Scottish devolution even if, as now seems likely, more than three quarters of Scotland's voters were to back parties supporting a Scottish parliament or independence.

The prime minister said that the issue had not been adequately debated and that the ramifications of devolution were not properly understood even in Scotland. Setting up a Scottish assembly could "lead to chaos, bitterness and move us a step forward towards separation". Tax-raising powers for such a body would "raise the conflict threshold with the Westminster parliament".

Labour and Liberal Democrat policies posed dangers to the future of the UK and he accused them of "already trying to trade policies between each other, even before the voters have had their say". Only the Conservatives stood firmly for "the integrity of our parliament and our UK".

Mr Major said that the other parties would "put at risk the links between Scotland and England which have held us together for nearly 300 years", with their policies leading on to full separation. Rejecting all notions of constitutional change, he said the issues of devolution and PR were more important than the general election itself. He would make no concessions on proportional representation. PR would lead to "a government so weak that it could not take strong decisions".

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said that nothing would put Scotland in a weaker position with the Treasury than Labour's plan for a Scottish parliament with tax-raising powers to cover just 4 per cent of Scotland's needs. A hung parliament would "hang the recovery", paralyse business decisions and smother consumer confidence. Interest rates and mortgage rates would be likely to rise and "the recent flirtation of nods and winks between the Labour and Liberal campaigns would become a way of life".

Everything would be done for party interests and nothing for the nation as Britain lived in an election atmosphere for month after month. "To expect the Liberals to control Labour would be like asking Dad's Army to restrain the Mongol hordes," Mr Hurd said.

## Whitelaw criticised for rebuff

A Tory candidate yesterday criticised Lord Whitelaw for withdrawing support from Sir Nicholas Fairbairn because of his remarks about immigration under Labour.

John Whitfield, fighting Dewsbury, where immigration is an issue, backed Sir Nicholas's claim that the UK was in danger of being "swamped" by immigrants if Labour won. "I am disappointed that Lord Whitelaw refused to recognise the importance of this issue for those of us in areas affected by immigration," he said.

## Adams trails

Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Fein, has a fight on his hands to retain Belfast West, according to a poll in the *Irish News*. It showed the SDLP candidate Joe Hendron with 28.75 per cent of the vote and Mr Adams on 20.5 per cent.

## King slips up

Tom King, the defence secretary, has infuriated a postman in his Bridgwater constituency by using a photograph of the two of them in election literature. The picture was taken when Mr King visited the Bridgwater sorting office. Mike Sanders, aged 59, said he was a life-long Labour supporter.

## Shares switch

A Tory victory would lead to 47 per cent of private shareholders increasing their portfolios but a Labour win would prompt 35 per cent to cut back, according to a survey by ShareLink, the stockbrokers. Some 20 per cent would reduce holdings in the event of a hung parliament.

## Poster protest

The Conservative candidate in Great Grimsby, Philip Jackson, has complained to the Labour party after posters saying "local man" were changed to "local maniac". Labour deplored the action.

## Ashdown passes the initiative test

Bumping into Paddy Ashdown at the BBC yesterday — he was about to be interviewed by Jimmy Young — I had the impression less of a politician on the stump, and more of an ambitious military recruit attempting in double-quick time a series of bizarre stunts designed to test his drive, ingenuity and physical stamina.

If, after landing an interview with Mr Young, his orders had been to cycle to Brighton and back then abduct five penguins from Regent's Park Zoo, it would hardly have seemed out of keeping. Such is the aura which has surrounded his campaign drive. I watched him in Liverpool. If the ambition was to shake more hands in fewer seconds while saying more "Hiyahs" than any glad-handed in history, then he was winning. If the challenge was to beat a lilt of journalists travelling up to the ninth floor of a squall tower block by running up the stairs, then he succeeded. If his orders were to get himself photographed remonstrating with a militant heckler, with a revolutionary poster as backdrop, within six minutes of arriving in Broadgreen, then Captain Ashdown obeyed these, too... and the big yellow coach moved on.

Unlike the other leaders, Mr Ashdown has been in charge of his squad, not its mascot. He makes the run-



## CAMPAIGN SKETCH

MATTHEW PARRIS

ning. His team just tries to keep up. He seems to love it. His campaign technique mirrors his approach at party conferences. It could be adapted for audio presentation and marketed as *The Ashdown Method — a course in six cassettes*. Its essential components are (1) an impression of huge self-confidence, (2) correct breathing and posture, (3) rapid movement through a series of "freeze-frame" poses, (4) five minutes' intense meditation before breakfast during which the students repeatedly chant *I really do love each person I shall meet today*, ringing a small bell between this and (5) the alternate chant: *My party and I are friends: they are on my side*. Ting-ting. Oh — and (6) two portable AutoCue screens and three speeches. Thus forearmed, Mr Ashdown sets forth. So far he has never faltered.

It is important to identify the strengths and limitations of the Ashdown Method. It works. It would not do so, I suspect, without a strand of sincerity, and a strand of deceit. I believe Paddy Ashdown really does

talled cross-examination of his programme: indeed there has been little demand for it. Time and again he gets away with a warm handshake, a rousing little homily about fair voting and about the childlessness of his opponents — and a fast move into the next green posture.

Meanwhile, Messrs Major and Kinnock face the flak that each has generated and directs at the other's programme. We have been able to see how each performs. However imperfectly, they are being tested. Ashdown is not. Captain Ashdown gets away with deplored gunfire generally and keeping out of the firing line himself: a privilege afforded to small parties whose manifestos are not yet taken seriously.

But soon, he will have to stop running, sit down, and answer cool and insistent questions. It is the success of his campaign so far which has brought him to this happy but awkward moment. I watched him yesterday being politely grilled by Jimmy Young, and noticed, in Mr Kinnock's camp there is always a hint of anxiety about Mr Kinnock. How will he perform? How far need he be protected? Ashdown's energy melts such hesitation.

An impression of rapid movement is vital to the Ashdown Method. But when the music stops, the contestants have to sit down, and there are not enough chairs. The game moves to a new phase. It should prove interesting.

## Gould hits back with interest

By JILL SHERMAN AND RACHEL KELLY

LABOUR stepped into the housing market fray yesterday when it claimed that homeowners would be more affected by higher interest rates under the Conservatives than under Labour.

Bryan Gould, the shadow environment secretary, hit back at John Major's claim that the Tories would bring down interest rates.

Mr Major told *The Daily Mail*: "I believe, if we win the general election, the next move in British interest rates will be down and not up. If Labour win the election, it will be up, and quickly in my opinion."

Mr Gould's response was

that home ownership during the 1980s became the opportunity to pay sky-high mortgages for a declining asset.

Mortgage interest rates were

10.75 per cent on average

under the last Labour government

compared to 12.65 per cent under the Tories.

After each of the three last general elections, interest rates had

gone up, he said.

Independent analysis from the merchant bank Morgan Grenfell suggests that neither party will have much room to manoeuvre on interest rates

because of the ERM.

## POLLWATCH by Ivor Crewe

## PR switches to centre stage

The probability of a hung parliament and the nationalists' advance in Scotland have together put constitutional change at the forefront of the election campaign.

Outside Scotland many voters care little and think less about constitutional issues. In the polls only 2 per cent cite electoral reform and allied issues as one of the two or three factors that will determine their vote. Even among the Scots, according to the weekend's MRS/Scotland *on Sunday* poll, Scotland's constitutional status ranks as only the ninth most important issue, mentioned by 14 per cent.

For most people constitutional issues are too removed from everyday problems to loom large in their thoughts. Answers to opinion poll questions on electoral reform or devolution are therefore generally responses rather than opinions — superficial and volatile.

A clear but less than overwhelming majority tell the pollsters that they approve of proportional representation but disapprove of coalition (or minority) government. The most recent poll, by NOP for the BBC's *Panorama* programme in January, found that 56 per cent wanted "a change to a system of proportional representation, so the number of MPs for each party more closely reflects the number of votes cast", while 36 per cent wanted to "keep the present system of first-past-the-post to produce a government of the largest party". However, the respondents preferred "government by a single party able to rule on its own" to "government by two or more parties working together" by 49 to 43 per cent.

The weekend's *Gallup/Sunday Telegraph* poll reported that in the event of a hung parliament voters split 45 to 43 per cent in favour of a minority go-

ernment shortly followed by another election, rather than a coalition with either the Liberal Democrats or Ulster Unionists. Not surprisingly, opinion varied along party lines. Liberal Democrats divided 70 to 25 per cent in favour of coalition, Labour voters 44 to 41 per cent against, and Conservatives 53 to 32 per cent against.

Question wording matters. People strongly dislike "hung parliaments", are evenly divided about "coalition government" but are in favour of two or more parties "working together".

**M**ori/BBC *On the Record*'s poll of floating voters has found that their most common characteristic is a wish for a change. By resolutely rejecting all constitutional reform John Major associates the Conservatives with the one thing floating voters know they do not want — more of the same. Neil Kinnock has perhaps played on the mixed views of voters more skilfully. By refusing to entertain the possibility of coalition or pacts he has avoided the charge of defeatism and kept the anti-coalition Labour partisans in the electorate on his side. But by hinting at concessions on electoral reform he may have persuaded a crucial fraction of centre-left voters in Conservative-Labour marginals to vote Labour.

Paddy Ashdown has the trickiest hand to play. The NOP/*Panorama* survey found two-to-one approval for the Liberal Democrats' right to insist on reform of the voting system before supporting one of the other parties in a hung parliament. The problem is how to appear to have power while remaining even-handed between the parties. The prospect of wielding influence in a hung parliament might persuade floaters that a vote for the Lib Dems was not a waste.

## Lib Dems soften stance on terms

By SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

PADDY Ashdown yesterday hinted at a softening in his terms for a hung parliament by disclosing that he might be prepared to buttress a minority government without a commitment to voting reform.

Speaking on BBC's *Election Call* programme, the Liberal Democrat leader maintained that he was prepared to bring down a minority Conservative or Labour government but he could not give an "in all circumstances

## CAMPAIGN QUOTES

“Mr Major launched his campaign by calling us Paddy's roundabout. Well here we are and the swings are all to the Liberal Democrats!”

— Paddy Ashdown

“Thank you, Paddy — don't call us, we'll call you”

— Michael Heseltine on the Lib Dem leader

“It is as if Dickens's Mr Micawber is left hanging around with Beckett's Godot”

— Neil Kinnock claiming the government is waiting for something to turn up

“I don't really know what they stand for. I saw

George in an interview and he wasn't really sure what they stood for either”

— Ringo Starr on George Harrison's support for the Natural Law Party

undertaking”. Mr Ashdown said: "You will understand sensible people don't close every option. Let us assume that the country was on the edge of war, a major crisis for instance with Libya. Let us assume that the pound was dropping like a stone and there was a major financial crisis in Britain. Obviously everybody has to do what they think is right and in the circumstances for the country's good."

The first sign of a willingness to compromise in his PR-or-no-deal stance reflects doubts within the party's ranks at bringing down a minority Labour government and provoking a second election in the depths of a recession and a broadly acceptable Queen's speech.

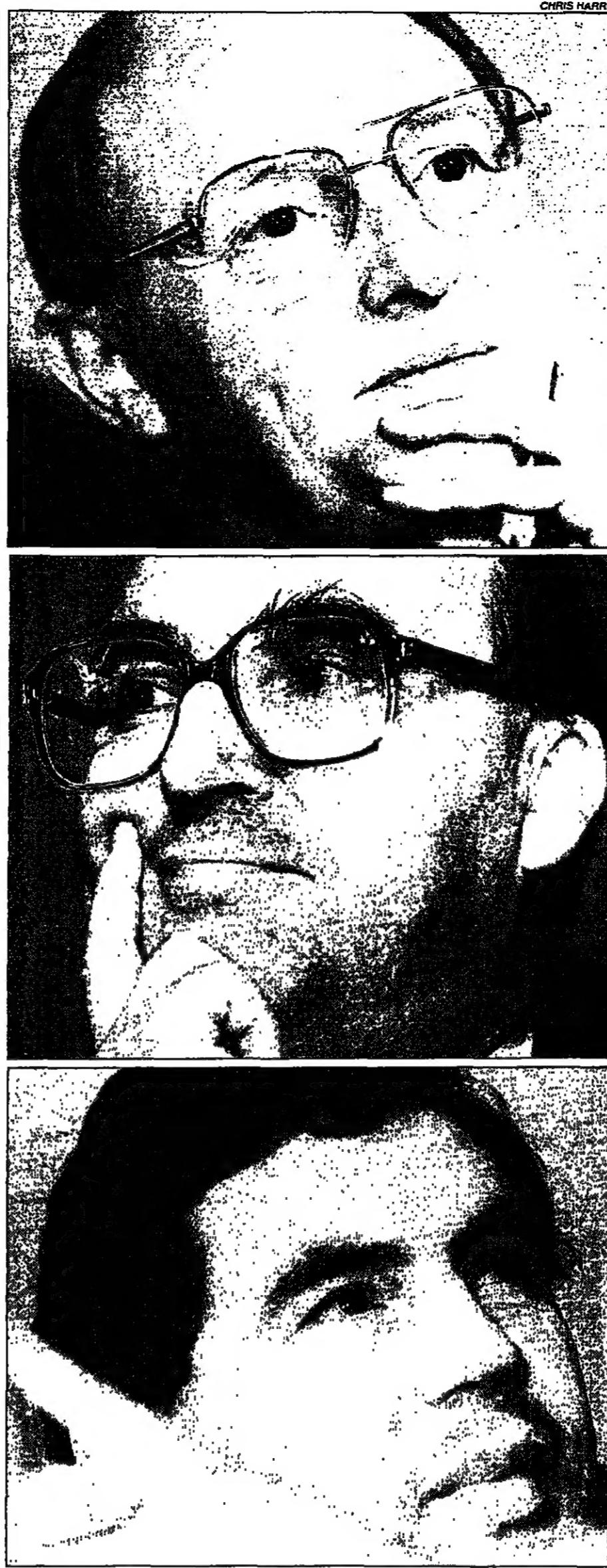
Earlier at a London press conference Mr Ashdown said that he did not anticipate his telephone ringing on Friday with an invitation from Neil Kinnock or John Major to talk on a coalition government. "If the phone does not ring that is nothing beyond what we are working hypothesis. We have not worked on the basis that the phone is going to ring the moment the polls close." With three days left, it was clear that the voters did not want either the Conservatives or Labour to win the election outright.

Mr Ashdown returned to Richmond upon Thames, one of the party's most winnable seats, to urge voters to

weather more attacks on the Liberal Democrats from the other parties. "Our opponents will distort our policies and misrepresent our words," he told a rally. "They will try to frighten voters back to the old parties. And, best of all, the Labour party will say that we are really like the Tories, and the Tories will say that we are really like Labour."

Mr Ashdown went on to accuse the Tories of being interested in success only for the richest, the sharpest and of never letting people get on

their own achievements.



Anxious wait: Neil Kinnock, John Smith and Gordon Brown, three men with high hopes, waiting patiently at yesterday's Labour press conference

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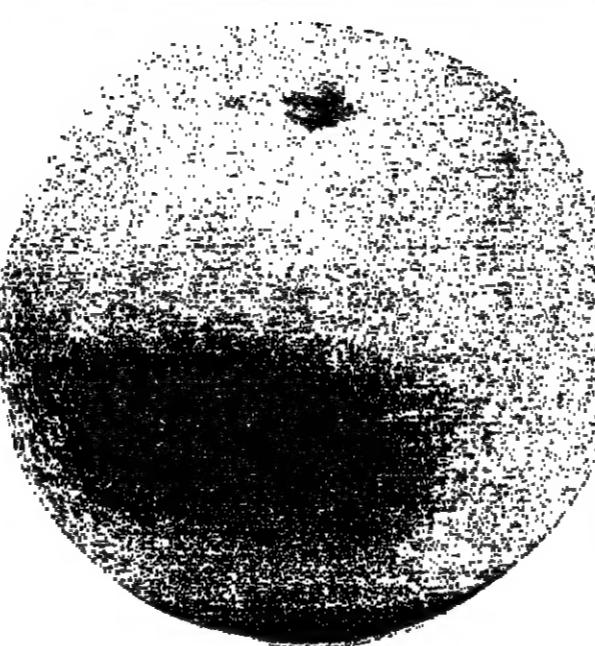
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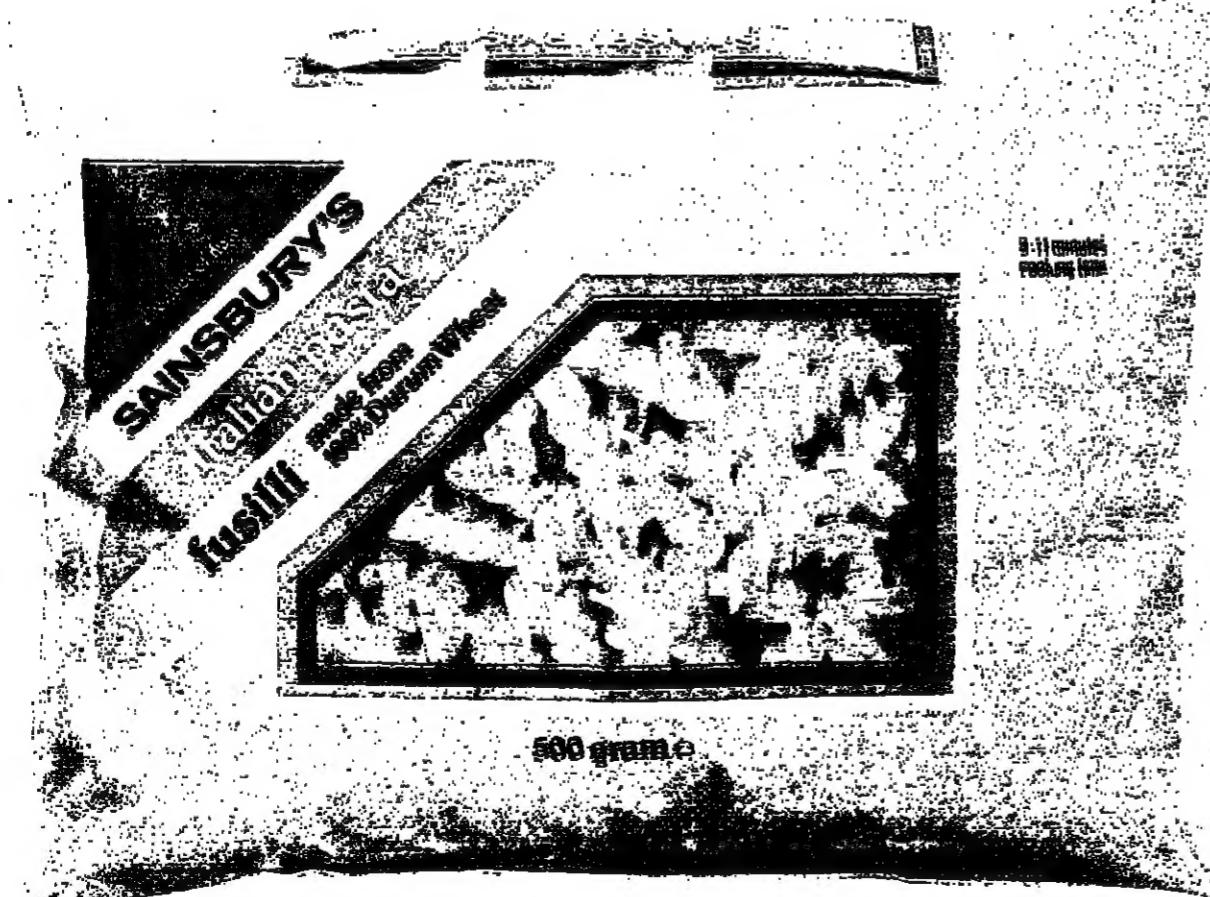
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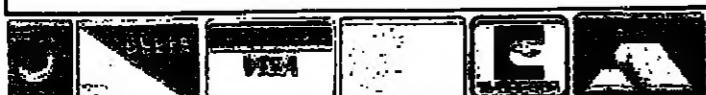
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Constituency profiles: party extroverts strive to capture the voters' attention

## Mr Janner and his actress friend tiptoe round town

BY BILL FROST

AN ELDERLY man in a trilby hat and very high dudgeon waved his walking stick angrily at the Labour candidate for Leicester West and his celebrity supporter yesterday as they began a stately progress around the Co-Op in Narborough Road. "You've got no right to molest us while we're shopping. I only came in for some bacon. Is there no peace from you lot?" the pensioner snarled.

Greville Janner took his famous actress guest firmly by the arm and hurried from canned soups to fresh vegetables. "I know her, I know her. It's Valerie Singleton from *Blue Peter*," trilled an old lady fingering the leeks. The actress beetled her brow. "No, no, Prunella Scales actually," she explains to the assembled audience with icy firmness.

Mr Janner meanwhile was performing for shoppers near the black treacle and golden syrup shelf. "Just you wait, when Neil Kinnock is prime minister the sun will shine on us. Now come and meet the most famous actress in the country," he insisted, before propelling another pensioner in the general direction of the star attraction.

Back on board the battle bus, the Labour candidate took up his microphone and addressed rain-drenched shoppers through a deafeningly powerful public address system. "It's a lovely day," Mr Janner bellowed. "A lovely day for Labour on Thursday. Lady in green with the pram, Janner here in Leicester West."

The terrified woman

### LEICESTER WEST

1987 result: G E Janner (Lab) 22,156 (44.5 per cent); J S W Cooper (C) 20,855 (42.1); W Edgar (SDP/All) 6,708 (13.5). Labour majority: 1,201 (2.4).

clutched her chest and looked up as if expecting to see an alien spacecraft hovering overhead.

"Do turn it down Greville," the Labour candidate's wife, Myra, said a touch irritably. "When the volume is up so high it just distorts."

Mr Janner, gripping the microphone tightly, seemed not to have heard. His next below through the speakers was even louder, ending in an anguish howl of feedback worthy of the late rock guitarist Jimi Hendrix. A young man with a pony tail shoves his hands over his ears and then gestures rudely at the battle bus.

"Greville Janner and Prunella Scales, the famous actress, here at the post office" rumbles the speaker on the roof of the campaign bus parked at the roadside. Once inside the post office, Mr Janner grabbed a beaming baby and kissed her for the cameras. "It's his granddaughter. She loves the attention, she's a Janner," explained Laura Janner-Kinnsner, the child's mother.

As photographers demanded a close-up — "Pru, arm round Greville and give the baby a big kiss luv" — Ms Scales said that she felt uncomfortable on the campaign trail. "It's very embarrassing.

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but as long as it makes people vote Labour, I don't care," she sighed.

An unshaven man in track suit bottoms and a lumberjack's cap offered Mr Janner some fashion tips. "Get yourself an astrakhan coat with a big fur collar so you look like an MP. And by the way, when you get back to Parliament, support hanging next time it comes up," he advised. "As long as you vote for me, we'll discuss that later," replied the Labour candidate.

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Singing in the rain: Prunella Scales electioneering for Greville Janner, the Labour candidate, in the rainswept streets of Leicester yesterday

Suburban wavers get short shrift from high-octane diarist

## Sutton stumped by Lady Olga

FOR the election campaign, Lady Olga Maitland, the former *Sunday Express* diarist, has turned her anti-CND group, Women and Families for Defence, into an anti-Labour group, Women and Families for Canvassing.

Lady Olga campaigns in *famille*. Hubby, Robin, and their three children, Alastair, Camilla and Fergus, all knock eagerly on the reproduction Georgian doors of Sutton and Cheam, the safe Tory seat that has landed in Lady Olga's lap after years of being spurned by less daring Conservative selection committees.

"Have you done No 46, Camilla?" the MP-to-be asks her daughter. Fergus shouts across to Robin, who orchestrates the leafleting campaign with the bossy harumphing of a drill sergeant, that "No 46 is for us". The operation is like some bizarre form of family picnic. You would not be all that surprised if Lady Olga gathered up her brood on the corner of Benthill Avenue, produced a flask of tea and some fish paste sandwiches from a Tupperware box and settled the family down for a rest and snack.

Then it would be off again, up and down the streets at a frantic running pace, as if canvassing were one of the competitions in *It's A Knockout* and Lady Olga was playing her Joker Card, hoping for double points. Sir Alfred Sherman, the rightwinger from the Tory think tank and "an old chum", has come

The journalist Lady Olga Maitland has enlisted her entire family in her campaign. Joe Joseph tried to keep up

along for the afternoon but leaves half-way through, deciding either that Lady Olga has mistakenly joined a training camp for the Barcelona Olympics.

Doorstep wavers get short shrift.

"I hope we can count on your support on Thursday."

"I'm not sure," comes a timid reply from a "Don't Know".

"Do you want Neil Janner?" asks Lady Olga, in the

1987 result: D N Macfarlane (C) 29,710 (60.8 per cent); R D Greig (L/All) 13,992 (28.6); L Monk (Lab) 5,202 (10.6). Conservative majority: 16,718 (32.1 per cent).

tone of voice that you might use to ask someone the question: "Are you some kind of pervert?"

As we run up the street, past Greenhow High School, she tells us that it is one of the only comprehensive schools in the area and Fergus asks her to explain the difference between a grammar school and a comprehensive. Since she plans to make education and defence two of her prime passions in par-

liament, we look forward to the reply. "A grammar school is somewhere where they take students who go on to take A-Levels. At comprehensives they take all different kinds of students, some of whom do also take A-levels." Now you know.

Sheltering under a huge "Free Kuwait" umbrella, Lady Olga says she is "raring to go to parliament, but that she is "not going to go in first. I want to learn the ropes. I won't be a precocious *enfant terrible*. I want to be a serious parliamentarian. I don't want to become a circus act. It's too important for that. I don't want to be another Edwina Currie. But I won't be silent."

"I miss the *Sunday Express*. But I hope to continue freelance writing. One of the things, with all the writing I have to do now for political speeches or election addresses, is that it comes very easily."

This might give you the impression that her political speeches and election addresses are filled with the same social chit-chat, gossip about minor celebrities and even more minor royals, and party guests that fattened her *Sunday Express* columns. But in fact Lady Olga's elec-

tion leaflets carry a snipe about Neil Kinnock and the message that "We don't have to choose between local and best — with Olga Maitland we can have both", along with a group photo of the Women and Families for Canvassing team. At each doorstep, the leaflets emerge from under her poncho with the same flourish that Lee Van Cleef displays when he whips a Colt 45 from under his poncho in old spaghetti westerns.

"There's no taste locally for Neil Kinnock," she confides over lunch in the Bunch Of Grapes pub, as if he were some exotic flavour of Haagen-Dazs ice cream that was far too obviously fancy for the down-to-earth people of Sutton.

She has gotten to know the people of Sutton very well, visiting the constituency almost every day since being selected last September. She says there is still much resentment among local Conservatives over the fact that Sir Neil Macfarlane, her predecessor, backed Michael Heseltine against Mrs Thatcher. To show that she wants to make amends and that she takes her new charges seriously she has promised to buy a small place in the constituency, making her the first person ever to choose Sutton as the site for a *pied-a-terre*. So next time you drive past and you see a lady straightening her netti in the living room nets, give her a honk. It'll probably be Olga.

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## Kinnock to the fore in final broadcast

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

LABOUR forcefully countered attacks on Neil Kinnock's personal fitness to govern by thrusting him to the forefront of its final campaign push last night. The party's most rousing television election broadcast leaned heavily on Mr Kinnock's image as a leader, banishing claims that the party doubts his vote-winning potential.

Mr Kinnock was the only politician featured in the last of Labour's five television broadcasts, marking a significant shift in emphasis since the campaign's start, when he was accused of hiding behind other leading Labour figures.

Frequent shots of Mr Kinnock's electioneering and speeches underlined Labour's intention to capitalise on the rise in his personal rating. Since the start of the campaign, the opinion poll gap in public satisfaction with the two main party leaders has shrunk from 26 percentage points in John Major's favour to level pegging.

Labour strategists admitted last night that they seized on Mr Kinnock's surge in popularity to make him a more central part of the final broadcast, but insisted that it had always been intended to feature him prominently in the "highlights of the campaign" broadcast.

In a confident move, the broadcast featured prominently Mr Kinnock's speech last week to a rally in Sheffield, criticised by opponents as prematurely jubilant. Party managers, however, feel that the passion and positive mood of the address contrasted favourably with John Major's low-key approach.

Interspersed with Mr Kinnock's appearances were tributes from celebrities, including Stephen Hawking, the Cambridge academic.

## Harrison stands up for flying party

Harrison's concert was a blast from elections past, writes Lin Jenkins

The appearance of George Harrison, former Beatle and Krishna devotee, on the stump for transcendental meditation last night evoked a different era of political debate.

For his first performance in Britain in 23 years Harrison stepped back to the days of *Sergeant Pepper* in a fund-raising concert at the Royal Albert Hall to endorse a bizarre political platform which promises to establish heaven on earth. The Natural Law Party espouses yogic flying — the ability to use the mind to levitate — and believes a "new coherence in national consciousness" will rid the country of its ills.

The party gives scant concession to modern political debate save to promise low taxes for all. Other goals such as the complete elimination of disease, crime, pollution, stress and failure are achieved through the mind, a philosophy echoing the pop culture of the 1960s.

Harrison, who still practices transcendental meditation, once persuaded the Beatles to sit at the feet of the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi in India in the belief that they could create "a beautiful nation". Ringo Starr, ever the down-to-earth Beatle, said he would prefer "chips at Blackpool".

One number chosen for the concert, and rehearsed briefly only the previous day, was the old Beatles number *Taxman*, a protest song with references to former prime ministers Wilson and Heath, which could only appeal to those there to wallow in nostalgia rather than be converted to the political wing of the Maharishi's World Government of the Age of Enlightenment of Great Britain.

Despite the party's policy that there is nothing they cannot achieve, a spokesman agreed that organising concerts was not their strong point. "We have failed to organise a venue for the Beach Boys who also support us. But with George we left it to him and he used a pop promoter to do all the organising. We have not had an instruction to release the information on who that is."

Indeed, Harrison has exercised total control. "At first he did not want the names of those performing with him released, but he has relented."

The concert was arranged in ten days. Tickets took a day or two to sell as the initial publicity appeared to be for a political rally and did not make clear that there was a concert. Tickets for the 5,000 seats cost between £15 and £27.50.



Harrison: a devotee since Beatle days

Minister fights them on the beaches

## Heseltine declines to put macho image on the line

BY RONALD FAUX

MICHAEL Heseltine declined an invitation to experience the Blackpool Avalanche yesterday. Photographers waiting on a bank of daffodils for the fearless front bencher to flash past them pinned to his seat by centrifugal force were disappointed.

Mr Heseltine, in town to support Tory candidates in the key marginal constituencies of Blackpool South and Blackpool North, pleaded a pressing timetable when invited to board the latest "white knuckle" ride at the resort's pleasure beach. He clearly preferred avalanches of a different kind.

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## Uncertainty lurks behind mock-Georgian doors

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE pregnant woman is pleased to see the familiar face of David Amess, Conservative candidate for Basildon, Essex, on the doorstep of her rented new town commission house. "I'm certainly voting for you; you've got me the house," she says brightly. Then she sees his large blue blouse. "Oh, heck, I never realised you was a Tory. Well, I'll still vote for you," and she grasps him warmly around the waist.

At which point, from deep in the house, which seems to be overrun with small children, a middle-aged man appears and berates Mr Amess in distinctly unparliamentary language, snatches the Tory election leaflet from the pregnant woman's hands, tears it into confetti and rains it over Mr Amess's blouse. "You lot haven't got it right for 13 years: what's so different now?"

At another house on the same maze-like, soulless estate of public sector housing, sown with forests of satellite TV dishes and the occasional mock-Georgian door signifying an owner-occupier, another woman tells

## BASILDON

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vote, vote, for David Amess" to the tune of "Tramp, tramp, tramp, the boys are marching". At house after house she hears of personal problems, assiduously takes down details, and promises to chivvy up an officialdom.

But for many in Basildon, the Thatcherite good life that made the skilled working class vote Tory in 1983 and 1987, has turned sour. According to John Potter, aged 54, the Labour candidate and a former computer manager at the Ford car factory: "There is disappointment and frustration, which is turning to anger. The people of Basildon are paying the price for the Thatcher years."</p

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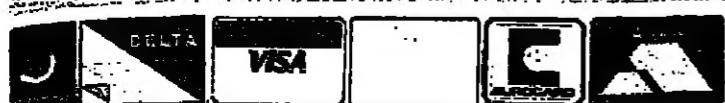
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## Jittery Ulster unionists launch campaign against Labour's McNamara



McNamara: pledged to honour agreements

WITH a Labour government looking increasingly likely, Ulster Unionists have started a vilification campaign against the man they believe could become the next Northern Ireland secretary: Kevin McNamara, Labour's Ulster spokesman.

In a message to Neil Kinnock the Unionists claimed that Mr McNamara's nationalist views and close identification with the party's policy commitment to a united Ireland by consent, would seriously damage the chances of progress in any further inter-party talks on the future of Northern Ireland.

Mr McNamara remained cool in the face of this predi-

**Edward Gorman** examines unionist claims that the shadow Ulster secretary would work towards a united Ireland

able onslaught. He underlined that Labour was committed to honouring all previous agreements and in particular Article 1 of the Anglo-Irish agreement, which affirms that change in the status of Northern Ireland can come about only with the consent of the majority living there.

At the weekend Jim Molymieux, Ulster Unionist leader, said that if Mr McNamara turned up at Stormont, he would not ignore him but would attempt to deal directly

with Mr Kinnock. "It's not just because of a distrust of Mr McNamara's policies," he said. "There are certain other reasons which it wouldn't be fair to state publicly. Just put it under the heading of trust and confidence."

Other members of his party, less constrained by the responsibilities of leadership, were more candid. John Taylor, defending the Strangford seat, and a possible future leader of the Ulster Unionist party, said: "He's seen as an

Irish republican and as such his presence here would be unwelcome."

Mr Taylor said that Mr McNamara would spend all his time working for a united Ireland against the wishes of the majority in the province.

"His presence will greatly

damage the prospects of the talks. There would be suspicions from the word go about his independence and impartiality by the majority parties."

Officials of the more extreme Democratic Unionist party, described Mr McNamara as a renegade unable to distance himself from explicit or implicit support for the republican movement. There is no evidence to support this

charge. In a radio interview broadcast in Ulster at the weekend Mr McNamara emphasised that he respected the opinions and traditions represented by Unionist leaders and expressed the hope that they would respect his views in the same way.

"I intend, if I get the job, to treat everyone fairly and squarely and to respect their ideas and their aspirations as I hope they will respect other people's," he said.

On the talks, he tried to

head off unionist fears that they would face a united front of two governments and the Nationalist SDLP all committed to a united Ireland. "We are not seeking to impose any particular Labour

agenda on the talks," he said. "What we want to do is encourage the talks to promote the talks to get agreement." He added that Unionists had never called into question Peter Brooke's impartiality as chairman of the process, in spite of the fact that he "was and is a Unionist".

Unionists hope that Mr McNamara will not get the job he has cherished for nearly five years. In a hung parliament his head would be at the top of their list in a deal with Labour, but that itself is an unlikely prospect.

Mr Kinnock is not obliged by party rules automatically to appoint Mr McNamara — one of two unelected members of the shadow cabinet —

but Labour sources predict he will not flinch from appointing his old friend. It was being suggested that Unionists were deluding themselves if they thought making a lot of noise would turn Mr Kinnock's head. It was more likely to do the opposite.

In reality unionist bluster might quickly die down, especially if Labour returns to power with a clear majority, though in the case of a minority administration unionists may keep it up, hoping Mr McNamara will be replaced after a second election. The chances of serious progress in the talks are probably slightly diminished under Mr McNamara's stewardship, but they are not very strong anyway.

### Constituency profile: Ron Brown fights on

## Supporters keep their affection for the devil they know

BY KERRY GILL

THE door in Earl Haig Gardens had hardly opened before the elderly woman behind began telling off Ron Brown for his association with Colonel Gadaffi: "I know you Mr Brown, you're a nice man but I don't like all these meetings with Gadaffi. You should keep away from him." Mr Brown tried to explain that he had seen the colonel solely in the interests of the British community in Libya, but it did little good.

Although the shadow of the Libyan leader has continued to loom over Mr Brown, it has done him rather more good than harm in Edinburgh Leith, where he is fighting to retain his seat having been dumped by the Labour party after his conviction for damaging a former lover's flat.

Most locals yesterday appeared to understand Mr Brown's motives in visiting Libya. None more so than Robert Paton, whose son-in-law Michael King was imprisoned by the colonel, but freed after Mr Brown's intervention. "We tried everybody, all the political leaders, but it was only Ron who took any notice," Mr Paton said.

Mr Brown's posters have enraged the official Labour candidate, Malcolm Chisholm, and his party. The posters declare that Mr Brown, too, is the official Labour candidate. No wonder many voters, particularly the elderly, are confused. Mr Brown, who

claims that he was not deselected but was the victim of an undemocratic ballot organised by Labour's national executive, has taken this case to the Court of Session, Scotland's supreme civil court. He claims to have been "politically blacklisted".

The case is tortuously involved and Mr Brown bravely tried to explain it on the doorsteps. Most of the housewives and pensioners at home yesterday smiled politely and promised him their vote.

Mr Brown tended to play down his strong popular following, saying that "Leithers" backed him because he held by the old tenets of the Labour party.

### EDINBURGH LEITH

1987 result: R D Brown (Lab), (below), 21,104 (49.3%); D A Menzies (C) 9,777 (22.9%); Mrs S Wells (SDP/All) 7,843 (18.3%); W Morrison (SNP) 4,045 (9.5%). Labour majority: 11,327 (26.5%).



## Deselected MP takes a hiding

BY BEN MACINTYRE

AT 11.15am yesterday, John Ernest Douglas Delavigne Browne evaporated. A spokesman would say only that the independent Conservative candidate for Winchester was campaigning somewhere in the city, but claimed not to know where or how he could be contacted.

His mobile telephone was not working, his movements were undecided and his future plans uncertain, she said. On the other hand she could fax him some questions and fax back the replies.

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The effect of Mr Browne's candidate has produced a split Conservative vote, or at the very least a confused one, in what is an archetypal Tory constituency. The future MP, however, could turn out to be the Liberal Democrat candidate Tony Baron.

As with all former MPs who are defeated in an election, Mr Browne would be entitled to a resettlement grant worth, in his case, about £20,572.

Mr Browne has already survived an attempt to deselect him and saw his majority in 1987 cut from 20,000 to 7,479. Two years ago, he was suspended from the

1987 result: J E Browne (C) 32,195 (52.3 per cent); J L MacDonald (SDP/All) 24,716 (40.2%); F C Inglis (Lab) 4,028 (6.5%); C Walker (Grn) 565 (0.9%). Conservative majority 7,479 (12.2 per cent).

House for 20 days after his business interests failed to convince a Commons committee.

Mr Browne still has enough support to disturb his Conservative opponent. "He is even calling himself Conservative on the ballot paper," a spokesman for Mr Malone said.

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The candidate has good reason to want to avoid direct questions: chief among them being why he is running at all when the party has deselected him and put up an official Conservative candidate. Gerry Malone, a Scottish journalist and former Tory MP for Aberdeen South.

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The effect of Mr Browne's candidate has produced a split Conservative vote, or at the very least a confused one, in what is an archetypal Tory constituency. The future MP, however, could turn out to be the Liberal Democrat candidate Tony Baron.

As with all former MPs who are defeated in an election, Mr Browne would be entitled to a resettlement grant worth, in his case, about £20,572.

Mr Browne has already survived an attempt to deselect him and saw his majority in 1987 cut from 20,000 to 7,479. Two years ago, he was suspended from the

VOX POP by Peter Barnard

## Real people want to know about policy

Does television insist on a hung parliament or are we allowed to elect a majority government? The question arises after the past two days, in which we have seen Paddy Ashdown interviewed at length by the professionals and questioned in some depth by mere voters. An interesting difference of emphasis emerges.

On Sunday, Brian Walden introduced his eponymous show, which consisted of an interview with Mr Ashdown, with the words: "It's likely that this Friday your party will hold the balance of power in a hung parliament."

That was an independent television. At the same time, on BBC1, Mr Ashdown was interviewed for more than 15 minutes by Jonathan Dimbleby and spoke about nothing but proportional representation and deals with a minority government. The whole of Walden concerned itself with PR and deals with a minority government.

Yesterday morning, Mr Ashdown was the guest on BBC1's *Election*

*Call*. Most of the people who phoned in did not ask him about PR; they wanted to know about Liberal Democrat policies. They wanted to know, in short, why they should vote for Paddy Ashdown's party.

Throughout this campaign, there has not been the slightest indication that the electors were about to rush out and vote for PR. Mr Ashdown continually quotes (he did it again yesterday) polls that show a majority of people want "fair voting". Well of course a majority of people want "better education" and a majority of people are against it. Polls ask these questions in isolation. They do not ask: are you prepared to vote Liberal Democrat to get "fair voting"?

Therefore even Walden's opening proposition was suspect. Polls may suggest a hung parliament, but the real poll could well produce something different. People often flirt with the third party during a campaign and return to the mainstream on election day. That point was not put to

Mr Ashdown in either of the last two interviews.

Yesterday *Election Call* produced three questions (out of a dozen or so) from the public that were clearly about a hung parliament, including one that I have heard no professional interviewer ask Mr Ashdown: if both main parties offered you proportional representation, which one would you support?

Mr Ashdown replied but did not answer. Perhaps professional interviewers know he will not, but there must be many voters who would like an answer. Apparently they will only get it after the electors have produced the hung parliament that television seems to be so anxious to bring about.

One sometimes wonders if all the effort that goes into setting up electronic studios and other whiz-bang election gadgetry is regarded as something of a waste, unless it can be wheeled out twice in the same year. Perish the thought.

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Uphill task: Clement Attlee campaigning in 1945 and his great niece Cath Attlee, who is standing in Windsor and Maidenhead. The Tories have a 17,826 majority, leaving her little hope of following in the former Labour prime minister's footsteps

### Labour maintains lead in marginals

## History stacks odds against last minute swing to Major

BY ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN Major may now be pursuing an unattainable goal. If the Conservatives are to make a sufficient recovery in the last two days of the campaign to return to government they will have to inspire a movement in public opinion greater than that achieved in nine of the past ten general election campaigns.

No party in government has been known in postwar elections to add to its support during the final week of a campaign and in most recent elections the Conservatives have had a lesser result on the day than in the previous week's polls. A series of five opinion polls in Sunday's

newspapers averaged out at Labour 39.8 per cent, Conservatives 36.8, and Liberal Democrats 19.

A survey of elections from 1955 to the present, conducted by Bob Worcester, chairman of Mori, shows that in four of the contests (1955, 1964, 1966 and October 1974) there was no movement in Conservative support from the beginning to the end of the campaign.

In two of the contests (February 1974 and 1983) there was a swing of 0.5 per cent against the party during the campaign; in one (1987, when there was a big Conservative lead) the swing was minus 1 per cent; in 1990 it

was minus 1.5 per cent and in 1979 minus 3 per cent.

Only in 1970, the year of Edward Heath's victory, when the movement was a hefty 5 per cent, was there a campaign swing in favour of the Conservatives of sufficient magnitude to turn the present Tory standing in the polls to an election-winning position.

The Conservatives' difficulty

in seeking re-election against the background of recession is underlined by the fact that three in ten people say that they or members of their immediate family have experienced unemployment or redundancy in the past six months. A Mori poll, conducted from March 20-24, found that 34 per cent of people intending to vote Labour had personal or family experience of unemployment as had 28 per cent of those intending to vote Liberal Democrat and 26 per cent of those backing the Tories.

Conservatives are arguing that the party is holding its own in marginal seats while Labour is stacking up extra votes in its traditional strongholds. But there is little support for that theory in the latest Mori survey of ten northern and Midlands marginal seats for Yorkshire Television's *Calendar* programme.

Mori interviewed a total of 1,057 adults on April 3-4 in the ten Tory-held marginals. The survey measured party support at Labour 47 per cent, Conservatives 36 per cent, Liberal Democrats 16 per cent and others 1 per cent.

Across the same ten seats at

the general election in 1987 party support was Labour 35 per cent, Conservatives 44 per cent, Alliance 20 per cent and others 1 per cent (compared with a national standing of Conservatives 43 per cent, Labour 32 per cent, Alliance 23 per cent and others 2 per cent).

Reflecting a pattern very similar to that of nationwide polls, Labour's vote has improved by one point over the fortnight of campaigning. Conservative support has dropped 2 points and that of the Liberal Democrats has risen two points.

Compared to the 1987 election result there has been a swing of 10 per cent to Labour in Glasgow as did Jim Sillars, the Scottish National Party deputy leader, when he wrested Govan from Labour in November 1988.

### Scotland

## Cost of Tory policy too high, says church

BY KERRY GILL

ONE of the most influential of the Church of Scotland's committees has delivered a stinging criticism of the government's economic policies, claiming that, although they have reduced inflation, the human cost has been "unacceptable in a civilised and caring society".

The government must act

now to prevent today and to be presented to the church's general assembly next month, criticised Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, for his remark that unemployment was "a price well worth paying".

A report, published today and to be presented to the church's general assembly next month, criticised Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, for his remark that unemployment was "a price well worth paying".

The committee questioned top salary increases some of which it described as astonishing. It asked whether the public could have any confidence in people who defended the idea that senior management would take responsibility only in return for "these enormous sums".

Meanwhile, Tom King, the defence secretary, who was in Scotland, warned the public not to trust Labour and Liberal Democrat defence policies, which differed from constituency to constituency, audience to audience. "When a Labour spokesman departs," he said, "a Liberal Democrat arrives bearing the same two-faced message. Trust us, they say, your jobs or local defence interests will be safe with us. From the Labour party committed to 27 per cent cuts this is bad enough. From the Lib Dems, who are aiming for 50 per cent cuts, it is twice as cynical."

Later, in northeast Scotland, Mr King continued his criticism of the opposition parties' defence policies. The nationalisation, he said, would leave Scotland no better defended than Austria or Finland. RAF Lossiemouth and RAF Kinloss, key Nato bases, would be lost and with them many local jobs.

At his second and final news conference in Saughton prison, Edinburgh, Mr Sheridan said that the figures were based on canvass returns from over 19,000 voters. His campaign has taken on the sub-title "Send Tommy from prison to Parliament", and he hopes to cause as big an upset to Labour in Glasgow as did Jim Sillars, the Scottish National Party deputy leader, when he wrested Govan from Labour in November 1988.

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## Sleep deprivation

## Fatigue robs politicians of their edge

BY DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

BEFORE the invention of television few voters had the opportunity to see their politicians at close quarters. If candidates were suffering from sleep deprivation the electorate at large did not know. Now when voters look at the huge bags under Chris Patten's eyes, they see that politics during an election is a 24-hour a day slog.

Politicians are used to late night sittings in the House of Commons for crucial divisions but their work seldom demands that they appear daily in front of the cameras at 7am. This is beginning to show in their haggard faces. Worse still, they are obliged to appear until 2am the next morning defending their parties' gaffes of the previous day. Is it surprising that they seem slow off the mark?

The Tories have especially been blamed for missing their cue over Labour's alternative budget. The dependence on civil servants after 13 years in power was blamed for the debacle. But was it really because Mr Patten, the party chairman, was too busy commuting from London to his Bath constituency while, by his own admission, waking up after three hours' sleep screaming about the progress of the campaign?

The average sleep requirement is 7½ to 8 hours. Too much or too little sleep is associated with increased mortality and morbidity. Younger people need more sleep than those who are older but there are wide variations. Winston Churchill abandoned the standard sleep pattern and ate, slept and worked at times to suit himself. Margaret Thatcher trained herself to need little sleep, but even she on a long trip once forgot which country she was in. On another occasion, an overtired minis-

ter made a stirring speech in landlocked Thetford, Norfolk, on the traditions of the British Navy, thinking he was in Deptford, southeast London.

Politicians should not have fewer than six hours' sleep. The effect on those who fail to achieve that quota can be seen in the tight, sweaty facial skin, the growing bags under the eyes and the bloodshot conjunctivae that develop as the lack of sleep takes its toll. The edge in the voice of a tired candidate is also noticeable.

Children are not the only ones who become tired and fractious when deprived of sleep. Adults may be more adept at hiding their irritability, but they suffer in the same way, and may be just as unreasonable. More important, however, than irritability and appearance is the question of judgment, says Dr Alice Marshall, a sleep expert at the Maudsley hospital in London. Sleep deprivation robs people of the ability to make a sound judgment; particularly when many factors have to be considered.

At grassroots level, the demands on a candidate can seem never ending. Houses, hospitals, factories, schools and public houses all have to be visited and, even after the evening's last meeting, there are the workers on night shifts to be canvassed. Between the late night assessment of the day's events and early morning canvassing of bus queues and railway station platforms there is little time to rest.

Sleep is not just an inert state in which the psyche is out of touch with the world, it is an active process in which the brain continues to work. Research has shown that there are two different patterns of sleep, slow wave in which there are four levels of somnolence, and rapid eye movement which is the dream laden sleep.

Evidence suggests that people need a certain total amount of sleep, and that about 25 per cent of that should be rapid eye movement sleep. If patients, or politicians, are deprived of either they become irritable and increasingly slow witted. Later they may become paranoid and depressed.

Sleep deprivation also causes physical changes. The autonomic control of the blood vessels may be poor, hence, in part, the red eyes, the clammy, sweaty, swollen feet, and the pale but glowing face of the tired politician.



## Gamblers bet to shorten party odds

AN ANONYMOUS first-time punter has wagered £14,000 on the Conservatives retaining an overall majority this week, the largest bet taken during the campaign.

His potential winnings of £150,000 are overshadowed by the Liberal Democrat supporter who has pledged £2,000 in an attempt to reverse the odds and further boost the party's ratings in the polls. Daniel Victor, from north London, stands to make £500,000 if the Liberal

Ladbrokes latest odds on number of Lib Dem seats:

Nil	1.00/1
1-5	100/1
6-10	25/1
11-15	16/1
16-20	4/1
21-25	9/4
26-30	9/4
31-35	4/1
36-40	16/1
41-45	40/1
46-50	45/1
51-55	50/1
60+	50/1

Democrats confound history and take the 304 new seats they need to win outright.

The bookmakers have refused to be swayed and this weekend mirrored the latest opinion polls. The odds on a hung parliament fell to 8:13 and the odds on Labour emerging as the largest party were cut to 4:11, the shortest any party has enjoyed during the campaign.

Mr Victor, whose gamble was calculated to effect the kind of rise the Liberal Democrats showed in yesterday's opinion polls by triggering a cut in the bookmakers' odds, said he was pleased with the results so far, despite his party standing at odds of 400:1 against winning the most seats.

A professional punter, Mr Victor placed his wager in the hope that other Liberal

Political punters are putting their money where their votes are. Louise Hidalgo reports

Democrat supporters would follow his lead, boosting the party's credibility. "There are many people who would vote Liberal Democrat if they thought the party had a chance of winning," he said.

The tactic does have a

successful precedent. John Murphy, an independent candidate in district elections in Cork in the early 1980s, was swept to victory by a landslide after supporters' bets reduced the odds on his being elected from 20:1 to 7:4.

In America the swing gained by enhancing a candidate's credibility through the bookmakers - dubbed the "Big Mo" (big momentum) - has been used by campaigners within the US and abroad.

The odds British bookmakers are offering on the latest contender in the US presidential race, Ross Perot, the independent candidate and Texan computer magnate, have spiralled from 200:1 to 5:1 in recent weeks even though his challenge has not yet been endorsed.

Ladbrokes received one pledge worth £25,000 last week as campaigners invested in improving their distant candidate's standing.

The odds on the Conservatives achieving a majority of between seven and 12 seats were unchanged, however, by this weekend's wager. They remained at 14:1, with the odds on the party winning more seats overall at 2:1. The Liberal Democrats enjoyed a brief surge, with the odds on them winning more than 60 seats falling to 50:1.



World-weary: the strain of round-the-clock electioneering is evident on the face of Chris Patten, who has been masterminding the Tory campaign

JAPANESE VIEW by Katsuji Miyazaki

## Slow start is Britain's way

A election in a foreign country provides a feast for the political journalist. We Japanese learnt, imported and even smuggled some ingredients of the Westminster system into our Diet, or so I was taught. These ideas came to Japan over 100 years ago, along with British industrial technology, then the world's finest.

However, my first experience of a general election here gives me a sense of living in the looking glass world. Our "Westminster" system seems very different from the British beast.

Even before the campaign, I started to wonder. The day the election date was announced, I rang an MP to ask him how and when his campaign would start. I was told, "Well my posters and campaign literature are still at the printers and it will be at least ten days, or so, before things really get under way."

I had been expecting something like the first day of a Japanese campaign. In the early morning, the candidate and a crowd of his (or her) supporters gather at the candidate's election office for the campaign kick-off. The candidate makes a brief speech, the crowd ebullient, high-spirited.

Even more incredible to a

Japanese observer is the

fact that the British elector-

ate seems to believe what

politicians say during the

election. All Japanese know

the reality of life: the politi-

cians often lie, or at least

conceal the truth.

That is why I am amazed by the fact that opposition leaders are insisting on a tax increase. Hail to John Smith and his party: brave enough to announce tax increases before the election.

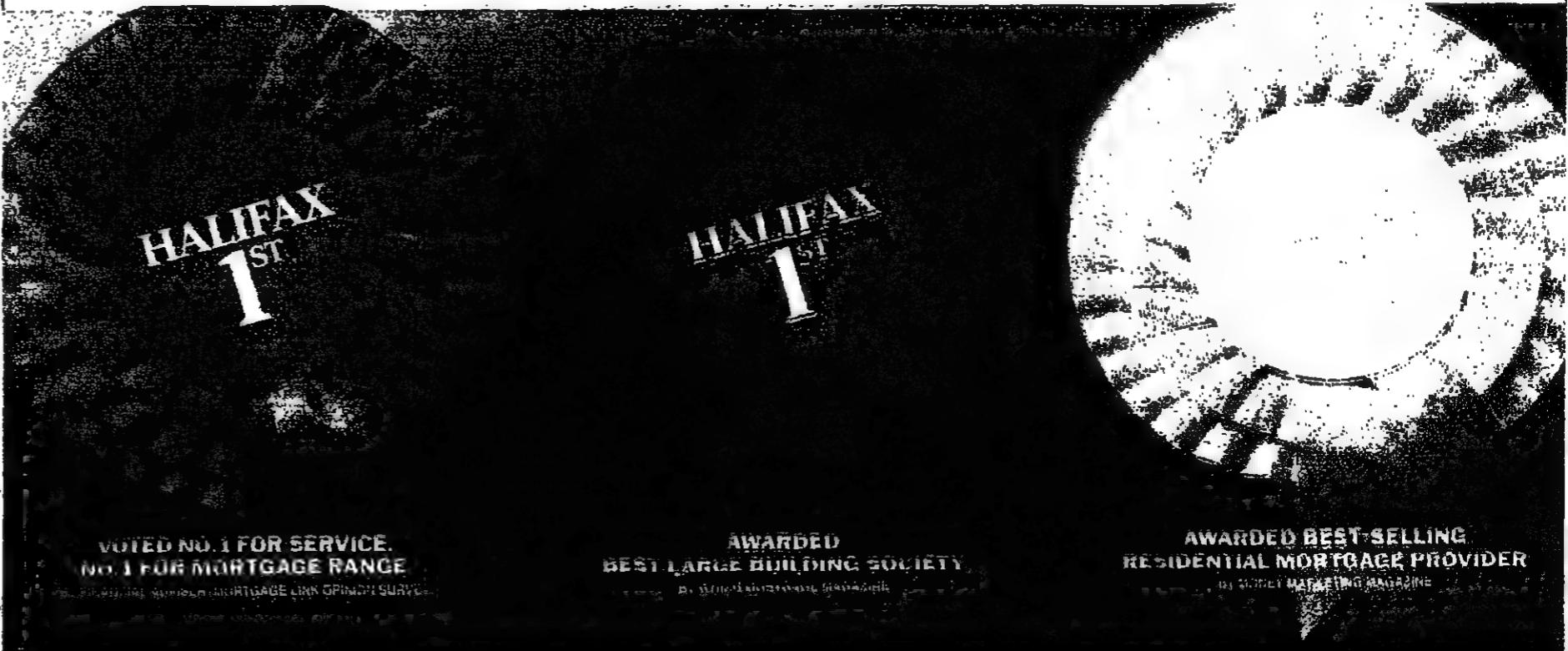
Money is another matter. Legal limits on campaign spending seem to be observed here. Japanese law also limits spending. But candidates or their authorised agents who are arrested for bribing the voters with sake and dinner parties are regarded as rather amateurish.

In Britain, the election process has been hijacked by the party leaders, aided and abetted by the national media. Television has removed the personal touch and devalued the role of the candidates. Perhaps we see this reflected in Parliament with strong leaders now leading sheepish MPs.

In Japan, candidates must still sweat and strain among their grassroots. When they arrive in parliament, they are more confident and expect to have more say in the party and in national politics.

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Regional party wounds Rome coalition

# League splits mould of Italian politics

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

UMBERTO Bossi, the fiery leader of the League of the North, saw his dream of a new *risorgimento* come true yesterday as northern voters inflicted a humiliating defeat on the ruling Christian Democratic party.

Giulio Andreotti, the prime minister, remained barricaded in his office at the Palazzo Chigi for most of the day as general election results rolled in. It was left to an ash-faced Christian Democratic spokesman, Enzo Carrà, to concede that the projection was a political earthquake not only for the Christian Democrats but the political system as a whole.

Christian Democrat strategists clutched at straws as computer projections of the party vote for the chamber of deputies reached 29 per cent, compared with 26 per cent in the senate. Commentators said it was unthinkable that Signor Andreotti would be able to revive his discredited four-party coalition together with Socialists, Social Democrats and Liberals. First results for the chamber showed the four parties together getting 48 per cent of the vote.

First projections show the League of the North garnering 9.3 per cent of the vote in the chamber, which would give it up to 80 seats com-

pared to only one in 1987. Signor Bossi, aged 50, sporting his long black and grey locks recalling his past as an unsuccessful rock singer, looked stunned by the extent of his success. He immediately held out the prospect of the league joining a future government if the traditional parties were willing to undertake radical devolutionist reforms. "It depends whether the state wants to remain centralist or to go towards the future, that is to say toward federalism," he said.

Political experts said a more palatable prospect for the Christian Democrats in the horse-trading that will begin during informal contacts today would be to create a *governamento* that would bring into office both the Republicans, who left the government last year, and the former communist Democratic Party of the Left (PDS). First projections showed the Republican vote as relatively disappointing for the chamber, with only 4.5 per cent compared to a target of 6 per cent. The PDS vote in the chamber was within the range expected at 16.4 per cent.

Signor Carrà held out an olive branch to the PDS. "One must see if the PDS will follow the extremist positions on its left or if instead it will choose to enter into a different orbit."

Republican leaders last night made clear that only a dramatic change in attitude by the Christian Democrats to reform the electoral system and political institutions could tempt them back into government. The shock in Christian Democrat circles was most evident on TG-1, the state-run television channel controlled by their party. Bruno Vespa looked aghast as guests on his programme asked whether the Montecitorio parliament building would become a fractured "Polish Diet."

It was a different story for Leoluca Orlando, the former Christian Democrat mayor of Palermo, who saw his newly-founded anti-mafia party, the Rete (Network), win a significant foothold in parliament with about 2 per cent of the vote. Signor Orlando predicted that "one will be able to construct a new type of politics."

There is little doubt that Italy faces weeks of uncertainty if not chaos with the Christian Democrats badly shaken by the huge protest against its long-term inability to address political corruption, mafia crime and economic problems.

While the Christian Democrat defeat in the lower chamber was more contained than in the senate, the reverse appeared to be true for the Socialists who saw their vote in the chamber of deputies fall from 14 to 13 per cent, according to first projections. It remained to be seen whether Bettino Craxi, the Socialist leader, would keep a pledge to resign if his party's showing fell below 14 per cent.

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## Creator of robot ethics dies of heart failure

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK

ISAAC Asimov, the patriarch of modern science fiction, founder of robot ethics and one of the most prolific authors in history, died of heart and kidney failure in New York yesterday. He was 72.

Only a week ago, the Russian-born writer who dreamed up galactic empires and turned out works on almost everything from religion to Shakespeare, published his 468th book, *Asimov Laughs Again*, a collection of his favourite jokes and anecdotes. It concluded with a characteristically sunny note: "No matter what happens now, I've had a good life and I'm satisfied."

A compulsive worker who spent eight hours a day composing in his Manhattan flat, Asimov did fall to fulfil his oft-expressed wish to end his days "face down on my typewriter".

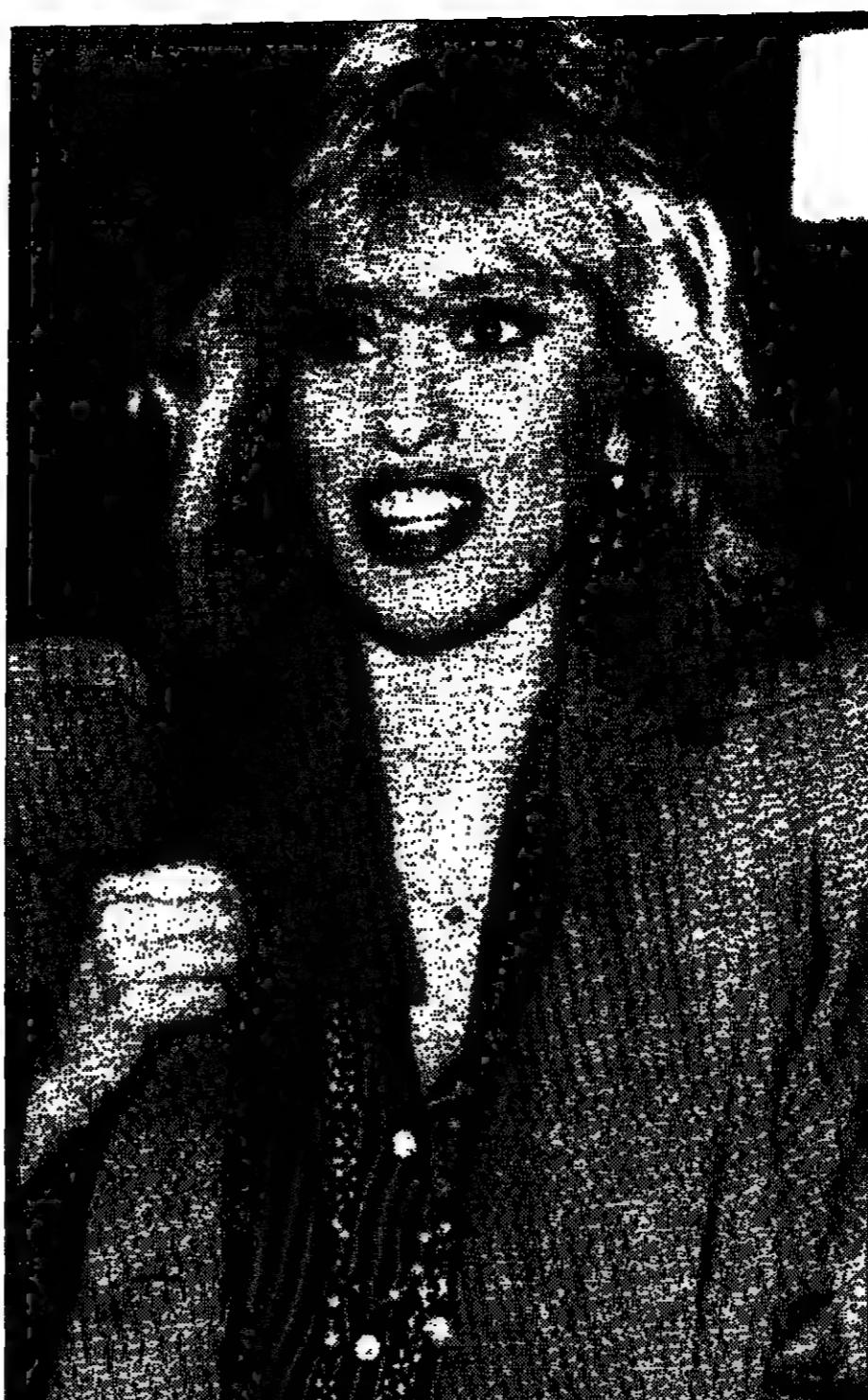
A biochemist by training, Asimov had traversed over the world of science fiction since the early 1950s when he produced a collection of stories which, long before artificial intelligence or high-speed computers, transformed the way the world thought about sentient machines. Rather than the evil monsters envisaged by Hollywood and the pioneers of sci-fi, Asimov's machines were placed at the service of humanity. His three laws of robotics, still largely followed in the genre, stated: a robot may not injure a human being or, through inaction, allow a human being to come to harm; a robot must obey the orders given it by human beings; a robot must protect its existence, as long as such protection does not conflict with the first or second law.

In 1984, Asimov added a fourth law, which he called "zeroth", which allowed for a future in which robots could acquire political power. Taking precedence

Asimov: adapted the classics and history feels more to people of higher intelligence than any other literature.

Asimov's hallmark was clarity and a playful approach that became stronger after a bout of heart disease a decade ago left him convinced of the ability of humanity to survive. He was serious about his science and held a professorship of biochemistry at Boston university until his death, but he never attempted to bamboozle. He broke his rules of plausibility only in the *Fantastic Voyage*, about an expedition of miniaturised surgeons inside the bloodstream of a dying man. For his plots, Asimov always said he simply adapted history and the classics.

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Making her mark: Alessandra Mussolini, a candidate of the neo-fascist Italian Social Movement, casting her vote. The party was projected to make gains

## Yeltsin survives opening skirmishes in congress

FROM MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

ON THE opening day of the Russian Congress of People's Deputies, President Yeltsin and his radical Russian government managed to beat off their first formal challenge from the opposition. However, much of the time was spent in fruitless skirmishing over the agenda, producing a succession of votes which showed just how carefully Mr Yeltsin must still proceed.

Voting on three key questions illustrated the current balance of forces in Russia's supreme legislature. A call from a moderate conservative deputy to hold a vote of confidence in the government included in the agenda was defeated by Mr Yeltsin's supporters with a margin of only 30 votes.

A motion from a radical deputy for a vote of confidence in Russian Khasbulatov, the chairman of the standing parliament, was defeated by more than 500, leaving Mr Khasbulatov — an increasingly shrill critic of the government — secure in his post. A call by anti-Yeltsin deputies to force the president to deliver the keynote speech on the economy, rather than delegate it to his reform chief, Yegor Gaidar, was approved by a similar margin.

As the voting showed, there is also a significant group which is sharply critical of the government, but not yet to the point where they want to oust it. Many of these deputies are genuinely motivated less by ideological considerations than by the plight of their constituents as prices rise, the money supply is curbed and jobs are lost.

These are the groups Mr Yeltsin has been trying to placate over the past week with personnel changes,

The figures show that Mr Yeltsin's radical government is strong enough to survive its trial by parliament, but only just. The opposition forces constitute more than two-thirds of deputies attending the congress, making its ranks stronger than at the previous congress last October, and giving the opposition — were it united — the possibility of defeating President Yeltsin on votes of principle (which require a two-thirds majority).

Fortunately for Mr Yeltsin, the opposition is disunited, although more than 300 deputies from six separate factions have formed an alliance to strengthen their position for the duration of the current congress.

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This is the first congress since the disintegration of the Soviet Union, and the first at which Russia's supreme legislature is functioning as the legislature of a fully fledged state. The change in status has not been reflected in any significant change either in the composition of the congress or in its attitudes.

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## Cossacks find Slav cause to fight for

FROM ROBERT SEELEY IN TIRASPOL

THE Druzhba (Friendship) Hotel was once favoured by Soviet anglers fishing on the River Dniester. By last week carousing Russian Cossacks barricaded in the dreary guest house had converted it into an armoury of daggers, grenades and Kalashnikovs.

The Cossacks have flocked from the Don, Kuban and Ural regions of Russia to the Slav enclave of Trans-Dniestr where violence has left dozens dead in the former Soviet republic of Moldavia. Yesterday's meeting of foreign ministers from Russia, Ukraine, Moldavia and Romania in the Moldavian capital of Kishinev was a last-ditch attempt to halt the descent into civil war.

Vladimir Kotchenov, a Cossack, said: "We have come here to defend the Russian people." An unemployed lorry driver from a village north of Rostov-on-Don, dressed in a blue, red and green tsarist uniform, he aimed to prove himself worthy of Cossack traditions. "You cannot become a Cossack, you must be born one. Although it is traditional that we Cossacks never raise our weapons first, ultimately the only way to prove a true Cossack is in battle."

The Cossacks' romanticism is fanned by boredom with provincial Russian life, the wish for a good scrap and the need for a cause. That belief is in the rebirth of Russian nationalism. Nights in Bender, a frontier town on the Moldavian side of the Dniester, are broken by sniper fire and the rattle of Kalashnikovs as opposing guards pick each other off from behind checkpoints.

Moldavia's government has no army yet, but 4,000 national guardmen are being trained to retake Trans-Dniestr by force, if need be. By the end of April, another 12,000 teenagers will be conscripted into Moldavia's nationalised armed forces.

In Moscow yesterday Aleksandr Ruzskoi, the vice-president of Russia, who visited Trans-Dniestr at the weekend, condemned the killings there and blamed the Moldavian government. In a speech to the Russian Congress of People's Deputies calculated to appeal to its strong "Russia first" lobby, he said: "No slogans of independence or sovereignty can justify the deaths of people on both sides in the shooting. Until Russia guarantees the protection of its citizens, wherever they live... there will be military conflicts on the former territory of the Soviet Union. However, he avoided suggesting Russia should take over the region or redraw the border."

**Spies arrested**

Karlstrasse: A former East German intelligence officer and an ex-employee of the American mission in Berlin have been arrested on suspicion of spying for the former Soviet Union. The alleged offences were committed prior to unification. (Reuters)

**Sales slump**

Warsaw: Poland's nascent pornographic press has suffered a sharp slump in sales after a boom last year. The decline is variously blamed on stern admonishments from the Catholic Church, competition from video porn or a shortage of cash. (AFP)

**Money matters**

Paris: Michel Sapin, the new French finance minister, said it was not true that he knew nothing about money. He had collected ancient coins since a child and learned about power being founded on a strong currency and heavy coins as in ancient Greece. (Reuters)

**Reptiles found**

Sydney: Two Germans were charged in Darwin with trying to smuggle live snakes and lizards out of Australia after customs officials found the reptiles in packages bound for Germany at Brisbane airport. They could face 10-year sentences. (Reuters)

## Premier loses Baku struggle for power

Moscow: Hassan Hassanova, Azerbaijan's prime minister, has been dismissed in an apparent power struggle in the former Soviet republic. Interfax said yesterday.

The news agency said Mr Hassanova was removed on Sunday by Yagub Mamedov, the acting Azerbaijani president, and appointed as the republic's ambassador to the United Nations. He will be replaced by Feiruz Mustafayev, his deputy.

Tofik Gasimov, a leading member of the republic's Popular Front, said Mr Hassanova was removed to "push him out of the battle for the post of president". The elections are on June 7. (Reuters)

## Speaker picked

Tirana: A former political prisoner, Pjetër Arbnori, has been chosen as speaker of the first democratically elected parliament in Albania since the war. Sali Berisha, the leader of the majority Democratic party, is expected to become president. (Reuters)

## Rail men strike

Amsterdam: Dutch rail workers staged a nationwide strike, bringing rail traffic to a virtual stop, after pay talks broke down. Commuters who took to cars found 60-mile long tailbacks on some of the main highways. (Reuters)

## Candidates fail

Andorra la Vella: Andorra will hold a second round of voting after an inconclusive result in the general election in which candidates failed to obtain majorities. About 82 per cent voted for 60 candidates standing in seven parishes. (Reuters)

## Spies arrested

Karlstrasse: A former East German intelligence officer and an ex-employee of the American mission in Berlin have been arrested on suspicion of spying for the former Soviet Union. The alleged offences were committed prior to unification. (Reuters)

## Sales slump

Warsaw: Poland's nascent pornographic press has suffered a sharp slump in sales after a boom last year. The decline is variously blamed on stern admonishments from the Catholic Church, competition from video porn or a shortage of cash. (AFP)

## Money matters

Paris: Michel Sapin, the new French finance minister, said it was not true that he knew nothing about money. He had collected ancient coins since a child and learned about power being founded on a strong currency and heavy coins as in ancient Greece. (Reuters)

## Reptiles found

Sydney: Two Germans were charged in Darwin with trying to smuggle live snakes and lizards out of Australia after customs officials found the reptiles in packages bound for Germany at Brisbane airport. They could face 10-year sentences. (Reuters)

# Far right forces German democrats to rethink immigration

## GERMAN ELECTION RESULTS

Results (1986 in brackets) per cent seats			
Baden-Württemberg			
Turnout	70.3 (71.5)	64 (68)	
CDU	39.4 (40.0)	32 (42)	
SPD	26.4 (25.0)	18 (17)	
Republicans	10.9 (10.0)	10 (10)	
Greens	9.5 (7.9)	12 (10)	
FDP	5.9 (5.8)	8 (7)	
		146 (126)	
Schleswig-Holstein			
Turnout	71.4 (77.4)	45 (46)	
SPD	46.2 (54.6)	32 (27)	
CDU	33.8 (53.3)	32 (27)	
DVU	5.2 (0.7)	5 (2)	
FDP	5.2 (4.6)	5 (7)	
Greens	4.97 (2.9)	— (1)	
SSW	1.9 (1.7)	1 (1)	
Total		89 (74)	

\* The Greens were 397 votes short of the total needed to reach the 5 per cent threshold. There is to be a recount next week and if this fails they have enough votes to enter the chamber.

\*\* The SSW is a party for the Danish minority in Schleswig, which has one guaranteed seat in the parliament.

## IMMIGRATION TO GERMANY

(1981 to present)			
Percentage granted refugee status	Asylum seekers	Ethnic Germans	East Germans moving to West
1981	7.7	49,391	69,455
1982	6.8	37,422	48,170
1983	22.4	19,737	57,825
1984	26.6	35,278	36,459
1985	24.2	73,832	36,988
1986	15.9	98,650	42,788
1987	9.4	57,979	8,528
1988	6.0	103,320	28,773
1989	5.0	126,318	377,055
1990	4.4	193,063	397,075
1991	6.9	256,112	221,995
1992 (1st qtr)	97,387	47,702	
Total	1,143,854	1,596,788	770,230

Total of asylum seekers and German refugees since 1981 is 3,510,874 (total to June 30, 1990, when currency union between the two Germanies meant this category of resettler

Premier loses Baku struggle for power

Moscow

Armenia

Ukraine

Yemen

Lebanon

Iran

# Whose secret life is it anyway?

Janet Daley asks whether great men are entitled to posthumous privacy

To whom do your life and its secrets belong? First to yourself and next to your nearest and dearest? The platitudes slip off the tongue easily enough when we talk about the private lives of ordinary people. But what if the life is not a purely "private" one? And whose life is definitely private, anyway? Not a politician's obviously, but what about a great writer's? And whatever rules we accept, do they still apply when that life is over? Once we are part of history, does the destru-  
tion of our feelings belong to the world?

In Dublin, an archive of James Joyce's private papers has been released for public examination. What should have been a momentous unlocking of insights into the development of one of the most influential figures in modern literature has provoked protest and disappointment. Missing from the fifty-year-old collection is all the material relating to Joyce's schizophrenic daughter, whose illness was a critical tragedy in his life. Of even more direct relevance to Joyce's artistic production were his wife Nora's erotic letters — thought to be the basis for Molly Bloom's monologues in *Ulysses* — which are also missing.

These absences present very different moral quandaries. Documents about Joyce's daughter have apparently been deliberately withheld by his descendants, who still have control over his estate. But Nora's letters are thought to have been destroyed by her. A family (in the person of a grandson whose authority has become unchallengeable in an Ireland which venerates Joyce) wishes to conceal a painful episode of mental illness: a wife is determined that her own intimate correspondence shall not be revealed. Are they within their rights? Or is James Joyce (and are all the influences which bore upon his genius) now a part of our collective inheritance: the intellectual property of the English-speaking world in whose literature he is a seminal figure?

Protecting the privacy of the living with ludicrous libel laws slides easily into censorship: the open secrets of public and political life remain a closed book to the electorate. Arguments about whether a politician's personal peccadilloes are relevant to his fitness for office are purely academic in Britain. Guarding the secrets of the dead may not have such obviously dire consequences for democracy, but it does threaten historical truth. Authentic knowledge about the past is problematic enough when we are in possession of all the possible evidence. When crucial material is lost about a major political or cultural figure, whatever hope there might have been of piecing together a picture of how things really were is doomed.

The Joyce case is not unique. Peter Ackroyd, T.S. Eliot's biographer, was forced to write without access to private material which Eliot's widow did not release. Ironically, there is a vague in current literary theory for declaring that "context" is irrelevant to the study of literary texts. Some theorists argue that no amount of knowledge about writers' lives adds anything to our understanding of their works. This perverse dogma offers a convenient cover for all those who seek to conceal the unsavoury or the disillusioning. But even without ventur-

ing into the arcane territory of literary criticism, we have to make some hard decisions about what kind of knowledge of the past is important enough to justify gross intrusion. The artist and typographer Eric Gill was described in a recent biography as having committed incest. The accounts of his sex life deeply affected other members of his family, and have given rise to great bitterness. It would be hard to justify such revelations as essential to our understanding of him as an artist, but if true they provide a fascinating picture of a defiantly unconventional life. And what of Virginia Woolf's homosexuality? And the lesbian affair of Vita Sackville-West? Their sexuality was certainly not irrelevant to their work, and their lives are an intriguing facet of English social history.

Documents once thought to be most important often turn out in the end to be the least significant: redundant treaties, make-weight bureaucratic correspondence, publishers' bland testimonials.

In the study of tumultuous historical events, it is often the most intimate and idiosyncratic documents that offer real insight: the letters men write to their wives and girlfriends from the front lines in war; the diaries of 17th-century diplomats, with all their indiscretions intact; the laundry-lists and menus of Victorian housekeepers which give such a wealth of domestic detail. The unofficial, confidential document is the one that gives a vivid picture of life as it was actually lived. Individuals speaking to one another off-the-record are the life-blood of history: its telling anecdotes and eye-witness accounts. Which is why private letters are of such matchless importance when one is trying to understand, not just what it was like to be trapped in the mud of Flanders during the first world war, but what possessed James Joyce to create the character of Molly Bloom.

To falsify history by suppressing information is one thing. Certainly there are circumstances where it is understandable — when the unpalatable truth about a parent would become known to young children, for example. Alternatively, in the case of an untimely death, by suicide particularly, there can be prolonged controversy about what the truth is: the acrimony between Sylvia Plath's feminist biographer and her widower, Ted Hughes, is unlikely to be resolved within our lifetimes.

To go even further, to the lengths of destroying material so that it is lost forever, is difficult to forgive. But what if this is the documented wish of the deceased himself? Philip Larkin left instructions to the woman with whom he lived that notebooks and diaries of his were to be destroyed on his death, and she loyally followed his instruction. Was she morally bound to do so, or did she owe a greater duty to the understanding of English poetry than to him?

Even more awkward, did he have a right to order such a thing, given that by the time of his death, he was fully aware of his own importance to 20th-century British poetry? Writers are private people by temperament: it is arguable that they would not be who and what they are if we did not permit them that secretiveness. But their compulsion to create is matched by our compulsion to understand their creativity. In the end (and especially after the end), they belong no longer to themselves but to us.



James Joyce as drawn by Wyndham Lewis

Is John Major or Neil Kinnock better fitted for the highest office?

# A question of character and leadership

Simon Jenkins on the rivals for Downing Street



Kinnock and Major: each has allowed jargon to become a substitute for a vision of the Britain he wishes to lead

So how have they done? Commentators love to say that what with television, or opinion polls, or spin doctors, or Europe, elections are merely crude gladiatorial combat. This is nonsense. Major and Kinnock are in direct line of descent from Pitt and Fox, Gladstone and Disraeli, Churchill and Attlee. Leaders run and their parties followed. Parties and leaders have been symbiotic since the 18th century. British election contenders emerge not from the rough and tumble of primary elections but from the clubrooms of Westminster factions. Not here the "laughing lions" for which Nietzsche yearned in his famous job description for a leader, "merry ones such as are built squarely in body and soul".

The most successful democratic campaigner of the 1980s was Ronald Reagan. You would never catch him lecturing his audience about public sectors or G's or shorter waiting-lists. Ask him about the state of the economy and he would take the electorate by the arm, smile and explain in a hundred little anecdotes why all would be well with him. British politicians disdain Reagan's personalised technique, but they do so much as medieval generals disdain gunpowder as being unmanly.

Go to a morning press conference and it is all message, no messenger. It may seem monstrously unfair to cerebral politicians that Britain's master governor should have to be chosen from an idiot chorus-line. But elections are about winning, not about how you played the game. Only the party election casts have begun to show some confidence in the magic of leadership, and then only the Liberal and Labour ones.

Yet once won, elections are indeed about governing, and it is governors that we are choosing this week. Mr Ashdown may turn out to be a kingmaker or an assassin, but if so it will be only for a day. The choice may be from a chorus-line, but it is a choice of prime minister. And the criteria should be how they would perform in office.

Despairing at the similarities between Mr Kinnock and Mr Major, cynics have been reminded of Alice's Tweedledee and Tweedledum: "Let's fight to six and then have dinner." Seldom has a British election seen such a rivalry of niceesses. The contenders are virtually the same age, just touching 50. Both seem free of malice and find it impossible to engage in personal fistfights.

Each seems genuinely to respect the other's rise up the classless ladder of modern politics. Neither needed the help of Oxbridge or family or wealth. There was no apprenticeship in the patronage of a great union or the entourage of a Tory grande. Grammar school and personal ambition looked after them both. Theirs may have been the poor bloody infantry of politics: student organisations for Kinnock, local government for Major. Yet these proved so

broadly mobile that each had reached the top by his mid-twenties. What other democratic élite can claim such openness?

Both Mr Major and Mr Kinnock are textbook cases of how to get on in their respective clubs. Each advanced by fierce loyalty to the leader of the day — Mrs Thatcher and Mr Fox respectively — and by adopting a stance vaguely identified as close to his party's ideological roots. Each has found cutting some of those roots more than mildly embarrassing. But as even Mrs Thatcher would have taught, a qualified compromise is the steel in the soul of government.

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versations have been much discussed. His apologies for his past have been engaging, as if political gyrations merely indicated sensitivity to the *Zeitung*. He appears to have shed unilateral disarmament, anti-Europeanism, nationalism, as though they were flared jeans and a weakness for Bob Dylan. Mr Kinnock points out that at least he has shifted in the right direction.

A foolish consistency may be the hobgoblin of little minds, but some political ballast is important in the storms that engulf every government. A search for substance in the verbosity of a Kinnock speech, reveals little more than the foggy egalitarianism that has moved him since he entered the Commons in 1970.

Nowhere is Mr Kinnock more the prisoner of his circumstance than in the question of competence in government. His skill as an orator and party machine has been devoted to attacking his own left wing and the Conservative government. He has made some of the best speeches of recent years: only Iain Macleod came near him in my experience. He performs well in the badgering of modern television journalists, and his recent self-discipline has been a revelation. But there is a world of difference between taking a second supplementary from Sir Robin Day and charting a path between querulous ministers

and Cabinet Office briefings. I

I sense that Mr Kinnock would be locked in the same civil service prison as John Major. But he would be even more conservative and ultimately even more in thrall to his public sector masters.

Mr Kinnock's scorning of Mr Major's circumstances has been kinder, but no less of a handicap now that his back is to the wall. He has never known political opposition. His rise has been through the inner sanctuaries of government: the whips office, the Treasury and Downing Street. He never had to learn the language of the politically dispossessed.

A Reagan or a Thatcher would by now have seized the campaign by the scruff of its neck, cracked out the whining tacticians and told the world some home truths. Major has made an effort to do this over the past few days, but as his face tightens with tiredness, he incants Treasury facts and figures. He clings to the jargon of Whitehall, the only jargon he knows, as Kinnock clings to that of socialism. For each, the jargon has become a substitute for vision. Mr Major's red boxes seem to rise up to him each night as ghosts of times past. They seem so full of manifest wisdom, yet the wisdom is written in mandarin, and there is no Central Office translation into common sense.

Rodgers is equally calm. "We have a good working relationship, but I confess it is a rather amusing vignette." Last week Mrs Davies' loyalties were stretched to the limit when he was required to brief ministers on a gloomy RIBA report about new building starts. The report was Davies's own work, something Patien apparently did not know when he asked for an upbeat assessment of its findings. Davies dutifully provided a detailed rebuttal of his own report.

• The Kent radio station *Invicta* has been forced to drop all mention of Labour's favourite bloom from its "Red Rose Phone-in", after complaints about political bias. The new title, at least until Thursday: "The Prickly Flower Phone-in".

Strange case. Perverse, even on defying *Si Culi*, the African musical extravaganza, which opens in the West End tonight. "We are worried that this show will break the cultural boycott and will present a totally unreal picture of South Africa," says Oliver Tambo's son, Dali.

The problem seems to lie less in the new production itself and more in its genesis. The producers of *Si Culi* were also responsible for *Ipi Tombe*, the 1970s musical which the ANC picketed and have still not forgiven. After the protest, cast members walked out complaining about being treated like "slaves".

Yet the production will surely survive. After all it has faced worse problems. "We were nearly hit by disaster in Italy," says a spokeswoman. "At the last minute we discovered that *Si Culi* has a different meaning in Italian. Apparently it means 'yes, arsehole'."

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CRAIG BROWN

Will the world be topsy-turvy on Friday morning? I have had an intimation that there will be the dawning of a new age, and nothing will ever be the same again. As I was going to sleep last night, I found myself transported to a party at which all the great and the good were present. But somehow I realised that no one was quite as expected.

My first inkling that things were higgledy-piggledy came when I heard someone say "... and she always looks absolutely immaculate". It was Edward Heath. I manœuvred past him to the drinks table. "But mostly tonic please", Senator Edward Kennedy was saying to the burman.

What was happening? Over in the corner, I couldn't help but overhear Sir Roy Strong challenging Sir Harold Acton to an arm-wrestle. Minutes later, another literary tussle broke out. "Come outside and say that!" said Lord Jenkins of Hillhead to Margaret Drabble. Elsewhere in the room, Harold Pinter was entertaining the 17th June Group with a selection from his rich stock of knock-knock jokes.

Fashion is always a great talking point. "Marvellously hard-wearing," I heard Mrs

Marcos saying. "And so unobtrusive," said Bubbles Rothermere. This summer, bright, bold, sultry colours are back — hopped up in Enoch Powell.

"No thank you — I'm not thirsty," Oliver Reed said to a passing waiter. Around him, a small group of film directors were organising their casts. "Say cheese," enthused Martin Scorsese. "Stone One," announced Michael Winner, "he throws his guns away forever. Beautifully suggestive," whispered Ken Russell. "Cut," cried Michael Caine.

"And I really couldn't forgive him for that awful little moustache," Lady Mosley was saying as I passed by her. I made my way over to a small group of television personalities huddled together on a sofa. "It's none of my business..." said Esther Rantzen. "It's all perfectly straightforward..." said Jonathan Miller. "So I thought to myself 'Why not?'" and trod on it," reminisced Sir David Attenborough.

Meanwhile, a figure in the corner was complaining about the loud music with her hands to her ears. "I can't hear myself think." It was Janet Street-Porter. Others disagreed. "Very catchy," enthused Philip Glass, snapping his fingers in time.

Taking the record off, Ian Paisley began singing a carol. "All is calm, all is bright," he crooned. At this, the unmistakable figure of Doris Stokes popped her head round the door. "Coocoo," she said. "I'm back."

## Royalty on the stump

WHILE Bosnia is burning, the leading members of the Yugoslav royal family are taking to the election hustings this week in the unlikely setting of Barking, East London.

John Kennedy, a distant relation of the Yugoslav royal family through his grandmother, is fighting the Labour marginal constituency for the Tories and has had no hesitation in signing up the family.

Fresh from dodging the flak in Sarajevo over the weekend, Prince Tomislav, the fifth in line to the Yugoslav throne, flies into London tomorrow morning to give the electors of Barking the benefit of his advice. Tomislav, 62, a distant heir to the British throne, will be joined on the campaign trail by his wife, Princess Lynda and his two sons Prince Michael and Prince George.

They should by now be battle-worn campaigners. For the past six months they have been lobbying in Yugoslavia for a return of the monarchy for the first time since the exile of King Peter in 1942. Last summer, Kennedy, Princess Lynda and the young princes were smuggled into Borovo Selo, just inside the Croatian border, the scene of some of the bloodiest fighting. They were paddled in on a raft in darkness, with the noise of gunfire around them, under the noses of Croat snipers.

After that even a British election seems tame in comparison as they try to help Kennedy overturn a 3,400 Labour majority. Another member of the family, 27-year-old Prince Vladimir, who is 10th in line to the Yugoslav throne, has been in Barking since the start of the campaign, with Princess Lav-

inia, his sister, Vladimir, a great-great-grandson of Queen Victoria is also 62nd in line to the throne.

Nor are the Yugoslavs the only royal family that Kennedy has signed up. Prince Idris al-Senussi, the 36-year-old heir to the Libyan throne, has also been campaigning for him among Barking's 5,000-strong Muslim community. Senussi's great uncle, King Idris, was deposed by Colonel Gadhafi in 1969.

Kennedy has resisted the temptation to run his campaign on the slogan "Don't let Labour make Barking the next Bosnia", a phrase unlikely to have much resonance with the Dagenham Ford workers who make up much of the constituency.

• Lord Jenkins' debut at the Liberal Democrats' 7.15 morning press conference, was not without pain. Appalled by the early hour, Jenkins appealed to party organisers for a more civilised slot. Not for himself, of course. "If we hold it later we might attract a better class of journalist," he told them.

## Spymaker-in-chief

IF NEIL KINNOCK is to be the new prime minister, one of the first decisions he will have to make is who will be the new head of the

Secret Intelligence Service — or M16 as it is better known. The present chief, Sir Colin McColl — C as he is termed in James Bond style service parlance — is due to retire by his 60th birthday in September this year. There has long been speculation that an appointment would be made before the election, a possibility which was finally quashed yesterday by Whitehall sources.

There had also been suggestions that following the much-publicised appointment of Stella Rimington to the sister organisation, MI5, another woman was about to be appointed to head M16. Those suggestions were then denied, and those working within the organisation expected that McColl's successor would be a man. But this week's delay in making the announcement throws the door wide open again, for Whitehall is understood to have decided that it would be impolitic to make the appointment only days before the possible advent of a new government.

## Insert 'not' as needed

LORD RODGERS, the director-general of the Royal Institute of British Architects, is a man of liberal persuasion in every sense. He has granted sabbatical leave to his head of marketing, Peter Davies, to work for the Tories, monitoring Rodgers' own political pronouncements during the campaign.

"Lord Rodgers has cropped up occasionally on our screens," says Davies, who has been drafted in to head the Tories' media monitoring unit. "He has been campaigning in Bath against Chris Patten, my boss in Central Office. But Bill and I have met up during the campaign and swapped experiences. Our friendly relationship will pick up again after Thursday, I hope."

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## COURT CIRCULAR

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE**  
April 6: By command of The Queen, the Viscount Boyne, Lord in Waiting, called upon The Yang Di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, London W1, this morning and welcomed their Majesties on behalf of Her Majesty on their arrival in this country.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Trustee of the Prince Philip Trust Fund for the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead, attended a meeting of the trustees and a dinner at Englefield Green, Surrey, this evening.

The Princess Royal, Colonel-in-Chief, 8th Canadian Hussars (Princess Louise's), departed today from Royal Air Force Lyneham for a visit to the Regiment at Bergen-Hohne, Germany.

Her Royal Highness this evening attended the Royal Geographical Society's Lecture "Gerald Durrell's Army" at the Royal Geographical Society, Kensington.

### Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales will attend a concert by Black Voices at St Stephen Walbrook at 11.50 and, as President of the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, will attend the film premiere of *Hook* at the Odeon, Leicester Square, at 7.30.

Prince Edward will visit Poole and view the new ferry *MV Belfleur* at 1.20; will visit Sowerby, Poole, to open the new European distribution centre and headquarters at 2.30; will visit the Beacon Centre, Canford Heath, at 3.35; and will visit the Muscliff Youth Centre, Bournemouth, at 5.30.

Princess Margaret will open St Dominic's Housing Scheme, London Road, Stoke-on-Trent, at noon for the Coventry Churches Housing Association; will attend a luncheon given by the British Ceramic Manufacturers Federation, Station Road, at 12.55; and will visit Forncwmre Potholes, Stoke-on-Trent, at 2.30.

The Duke of Gloucester will present the Car Park awards at a luncheon given by the English Tourist Board at the Inter-continental Hotel at 12.30.

The Duchess of Gloucester will open the new classroom block and community house at Birchfield Primary School, Aston, at 11.45; will open the Dental School at Sheffield University at 2.15, and will visit Doncaster Royal Infirmary at 3.50.

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### BIRTHS

**ARCHER** - On Thursday April 2nd, at Eastbourne, Dr C.H. to Jane and Keith, a daughter, Victoria Jane.

**BROWN** - On Friday April 3rd, at Gathorne House, Bill and Mark, a son, Richard Peter Alexander.

**BUCHANAN-SMITH** - On Friday April 3rd, to Helen, Anne O'Connell and James, a son, Angus James.

**CROKER** - On April 1st, in London, a son, Andrew, a second daughter, Sophie.

**FILMER** - On April 4th, to Anthony and Karen-Taylor, a daughter, Charlie.

**FLOWER** - On April 4th, to Karen and Christopher, a daughter, Sophie.

**GUTTERIDGE** - On Saturday April 4th, in Susan and Stephen's home, London, a daughter, Sophie, Kristina Kaitlin.

**HARDING** - On March 31st, Mr and Mrs Christopher and Neilia, a son, Christopher Joseph Mariano.

**HOOGHOEVEN** - On April 5th, Christopher and Sophie, a son, Nicholas William.

**MANN** - On April 4th, at 10.30, in St John's Hospital, in Victoria, their newborn son, Matthew James.

**MULLINGS** - On March 31st, Mr and Mrs Christopher and Neilia, a son, Christopher Joseph Mariano.

**TYDSEY** - On April 3rd, in St Mary's, New Jersey, to Catherine West and Robert, a daughter, Lydia, a son, Matt.

### MARRIAGES

**TANNER-LINDGREN** - The marriage took place on April 4th, 1992, in New Jersey, to Christopher John Tanner of London and Dr Gunilla Lindgren of Stockholm.

### PEARL ANNIVERSARIES

**BRYDEN-GOUDIE** - In Gloucester Parish Church on April 7th 1942, Gilbert and Irene, present address Mansfield, Alberta.

**COOPER** - See Chappawick de PASS - See 193 now Thomas.

### DEATHS

**PALMER-GIBB** - On April 7th 1962, Sir and Lady Harry Palmer-Gibb, a son of love from Tony and Angela.

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sington Gore, London SW7. Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

**KENSINGTON PALACE**  
April 6: The Princess of Wales, Patron, Parkinson's Disease Society, this morning opened the Society's Headquarters at 22 Upper Woburn Place, London W1.

Wing Commander David Bartons, RAF, was in attendance.

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OBITUARIES

ISAAC ASIMOV

Isaac Asimov, prolific Russian-born American science fiction writer and populariser of scientific ideas in his many non-fiction works, died yesterday of heart and kidney failure at New York University Hospital aged 72. He was born at Petrovichi in the Smolensk district of Russia on January 2, 1920.

ALTHOUGH his later work had been predominantly non-fictional, perhaps no contemporary science fiction writer had more influence on the genre as it is today than Isaac Asimov. He was, among other things, awesomely prolific. His admonition in *Who's Who* under the heading, Recreation, in those of frailer constitution, contains his uncompromising credo: "a man's work is his play; my recreation is writing." A punishing writing schedule which, until comparatively recently involved eight hours a day, seven days a week at the keyboard of his word processor in his 33rd floor Manhattan apartment, had produced almost five hundred titles at the time of his death.

But sheer weight of production would never have achieved the impact Asimov made if it had not been for the persuasive quality of his scientific ideas. He had been precociously creative as a child, and this precocity was only underpinned and given greater authority by the formal qualifications he gained in chemistry, which culminated in a doctorate in 1948. Thereafter he embarked on a successful career as a university teacher. But by that time he had already made his mark with the science-fiction reading public with his celebrated story "Nightfall". This reputation was extended with the appearance of *I Robot* (1950), with its development of the "Laws of Robotics" first posited in "Nightfall", an ethical system for the actions of artificial intelligences which elevated robots from the mindless monsters of pre-Asimov sci-fi and influenced almost every writer who subsequently touched the subject. This and the philosophically ambitious *Foundation Trilogy* have remained among his most enduringly popular-fictional works.

It has to be conceded that much of Asimov's original inspiration for his most effective



ive ideas came from that influential science fiction magazine editor John W. Campbell — but it was, nevertheless, Asimov who gave them shape and, through his scientific knowledge, their convincing quality. Indeed, among his myriad of books are many which are lengthy presentations of complex scientific concepts. These concepts are always present, too, in his mammoth space romances. Few of his works are short, though, at the same time, among his short stories are some of the finest in the genre. When he worked on the small canvas Asimov could be as once witty and poignant.

Isaac Asimov was the son of Judah and Anne (née Berman) Asimov. His parents emigrated, in 1923, to New York City, where they opened

a candy store. Isaac went to Brooklyn Boys High School where, Sam Moskowitz wrote in his *Seekers of Tomorrow* (1966), he was a nasty boy: "egocentric, introverted and sarcastic". But that was by way of being a little joke. Judah Asimov always sternly told his boy that the pulp magazines he sold from his store were degenerate; but he relented when he saw an educational value in *Amazing Stories*, edited by Hugo Gernsback, to which Isaac became devoted: "It received," recalled Asimov, "the august paternal nod. Science fiction, he decided, might improve my mind by interesting me in science... From then on I was hooked."

The gifted boy went on to

Columbia University, where he studied chemistry. He graduated at 19. During the

second world war he worked at the Naval Air Experimental Station at Philadelphia; later (1945-46) he served as a corporal in the army. He gained his PhD from Columbia in 1948, and in the next year joined the Boston School of Medicine, where he eventually became a professor.

He had started to write at 12. Six years later he took his first science fiction tale to the great John Campbell, editor of *Analog*. Later, in 1958, he sold the magazine another story. Thereafter his name figured in all the periodicals dedicated to science fiction, and in 1950 he published his first book.

The story with which Asimov excited his readers — and it still excites novice devotees — was "Nightfall", which he sold to Campbell in 1941. Campbell invented the idea

around which it revolves: what if the stars should appear for only one night in a thousand years? Here first appear the famous "three laws of robotics," (true for such robots as have been or may be invented), again formulated by Campbell, extended in the collection *I Robot* and used by countless science fiction writers since. Asimov's full-scale novels sold by the million. Chief amongst them, perhaps, was the *Foundation Trilogy* (1952-53), which was, characteristically, conceived by his author after he had read Gibbon — only Asimov's Empire is a galactic civilisation of the future which collapses and is then re-born.

Thereafter he did not write much more fiction of this type (his readers yearned for it), and *The Gods Themselves* (1972) was reckoned, as a disappointed fan wrote, "to lack vision". But Asimov never even touched the trashier end of the science-fiction mode — and he was much imitated.

He wrote lucidly and well (rather than gracefully) and was a superb plotter. To these qualities he added scientific integrity of a high order. He could have been a writer of the calibre of his great predecessor H. G. Wells, but he lacked the poetry, the imagination and the interest in character. Indeed, characterisation in his novels was more or less lacking. *Fantastic Voyage* (1966) was a "novelisation" of a screenplay by Harry Kurnitz for a film about a surgical team that is miniaturised and sent into the bloodstream of a wounded scientist. It happened to be typical of the sort of efficient fantasy which Asimov produced, even though the original idea was not his own.

From the 1960s onwards, by far the largest proportion of Asimov's immense output was non-fictional. His interests shifted from science to history, to religion, and even to literature.

He wrote a two-volume guide to Shakespeare, *Asimov's Guide to Shakespeare* (1970). He had done exactly the same for the Bible, *Asimov's Guide to the Bible* (1969-70). But his books of scientific popularisation were better — and one can believe that he typed at a speed of 90 words per minute. He wrote, as was once said of the Dutch author Vestdijk, "faster than

God can read". Among books which touched upon most subjects known to man were: *Building Blocks of the Universe* (1957 revised 1961); *The Intelligent Man's Guide to Science* (1960) — this became, of course, when revised, *Asimov's Guide to Science* (1972); *Realm of Algebra* (1961); *The Roman Republic* (1966); *Asimov's Annotated "Paradise Lost"* (1974) — which was not used in many schools or universities; and *In Memory Yet Green: The Autobiography of Isaac Asimov 1920-1954* (1979).

In addition he wrote a dozen books for the young, on subjects ranging from mythology and history to the organisation of the solar system; edited *The Isaac Asimov Treasury of Humour* (1971) and (under the authorial guise of "Dr A.") wrote *The Sensuous Dirty Old Man* (1971).

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APPRECIATIONS

Michael Lees



YOUR obituary of Michael Lees (March 31) leaves us with a comforting but unfortunately wrong impression that he died contented. He was, as you say, defending the Serb cause first embraced in his youth, but the truth is that, especially in the last months of his life, he was deeply frustrated by his inability to breach what he saw as an impregnable barrier against any serious revision of the pro-Tito and anti-Chetnik view of war-time history.

You rightly recall that his last book "involved the overturning of an account of his history that had held official sway for 40 years and called into question the judgment of certain British protagonists".

But his reluctance to change course was not the whole reason why the British media and publishing houses refused to give voice to information that would invalidate so much of what our public had been led to believe. For Michael Lees's research at the Public Record Office cast doubt not only on the judgment but also on the integrity of some of the leading British pro-Titoists. And no responsible editor dared take that kind of risk, particularly after the case of "Dr A." wrote *The Sensuous Dirty Old Man* (1971).

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supporting the Chetniks to supporting Tito, not only was the essential part of his own testimony erased from the screen but also the whole of the evidence of another key witness, his friend, Mrs Jean Howard.

He was thus prevented from revealing that some of the reports presented to Churchill justify changing sides were contradicted, not only by his own experience and research but also by the German intercept which Mrs Howard had read at Bletchley.

Those of us who knew Michael Lees, whether or not we shared all his opinions, could not fail to admire his bravery and we were not in the least surprised to learn from your obituary that he had been commended twice for the DSO and once for the MC. In justice both to his memory and to the historical record, the Ministry of Defence should now go back to the files and reveal whether we are right in supposing that the authorities withheld these richly deserved decorations for fear of displeasing Tito.

Nora Belfoff

Christos Halkias

er flinching in his loyalty to his adopted country.

One of his more unusual qualifications was to have been at school with some of the leading communists (KKE) of the day, or to have known them well in earlier days. This enabled him both to tackle them on familiar terms and to foresee and sometimes even forestall some of their more outrageous moves. On UNSCOB, too, his political acumen and his close but frank liaison with the Greek delegation enabled us occasionally to outwit the Russians and the Yugoslavs in their efforts to further the cause of the guerrillas invading Greek Macedonia from the north.

The fatherly figure of Christos Halkias was guide and mentor to us all, and he made an undoubted contribution to the cause of Britain in Greece.

Sir Edward Peck

# Falling house prices drive elderly to seek state aid

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THE collapse of the property market has led to a record increase in the number of old people in private residential homes having to rely on the state to pay their fees.

Income support payments to people in private homes rose by 47 per cent in the year to May 1991 as the number paying for themselves dropped for the first time — from 108,000 to 94,000. Total income support payments for residential care now exceed £1.8 billion, up by £600 million in a year. The figure was £10 million in 1979.

The number of residents claiming income support rose by a 22 per cent over the year to 231,000 and the aver-

age claim by 21 per cent from £129 to £156. Seven out of ten residents of private homes are now paid for by the state.

*Laing's Review of Private Health Care*, the authoritative annual survey of the sector which published the figures, suggests that elderly owner-occupiers have been unable to sell their homes to raise the capital to pay the fees and are having to seek help from the state. Claimants are given six months — or longer in exceptional circumstances — to sell a property in which they are no longer living before it is taken into account in calculating eligibility for benefit. In the meantime, those on a low income and with less than £8,000 in capital can claim help.

The survey also suggests that some old people may be deliberately impoverishing themselves to get benefits when faced with fees averaging £200 to £300 a week, even though the Department of Social Security said that it was fraud to do so.

But Age Concern said elderly people were more anxious about getting their affairs sorted out than defrauding the benefits system. "Most of those who have homes to sell want to pay their way. They want to get things cleared up so that they can feel relaxed and cheerful in their new home."

• The NHS is failing to win back the share of the private health care market it lost in the 1980s. Although it increased its income from pay beds by 14 per cent in 1990-1 to £113 million, this is a slower rate of growth than that of the private sector. NHS trusts established under the reforms last year have been encouraged to compete with the private sector, but this has taken second place to the trust's priority task of establishing themselves.

*Laing's Review* says. Income from NHS pay beds matched that in the private sector in the early 1970s but had fallen to an eighth by the late 1980s. Health authorities were given new freedom to earn revenue from private treatment under the Health and Medicines Act in 1989 but few have taken advantage of it.

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Social Democrats held steady and the Liberals made minor gains, according to initial projections, but together the four parties were at least two points short of an absolute majority.

The neo-fascist Italian Social Movement, spearheaded by Alessandra Mussolini in Naples, was projected to make some gains in the senate with up to 7 per cent, but was battling to maintain its position in the chamber with 5.4 per cent.

Italy now faces a period of prolonged uncertainty as the Christian Democrats embark on some hard bargaining to try to form a government. One option would be for them to seek to bring the former communist Democratic Party of the Left as well as the republicans into an enlarged alliance. But both would demand far-reaching electoral reform.

Another possibility would be to bring Umberto Bossi, the league leader, into government. If no alliance can be found, the country faces another election with the economy suffering in the interim.

Mould splits, page 14

had been looted. A militiamanned drive through the back streets of the city to another hotel proved that large parts of Sarajevo were yesterday under the complete control of Muslim militiamen and the Muslim units of the Bosnian police force.

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Shooting match: a Bosnian trooper returns fire as he and civilians are attacked by Serbian snipers from the roof of a Sarajevo hotel during a peace march yesterday

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## Ringo campaigns for No 1

Ringo Starr, the former drummer with the Beatles, launched his first album for nine years yesterday with the earthbound aspiration of a number one hit. By contrast, George Harrison, his former colleague, last night performed live in Britain for the first time since 1969 in support of transcendently inspired Natural Law party candidates.

Relaxed and wackering, Mr Starr said that he would be attending the

show at the Albert Hall but had no interest in the political scene here.

Mr Starr, aged 51, who begins a world tour in June with his All Starr Band to promote the album *Time Takes Time*, said he did not share George's political preferences for the party which practices transcendental meditation.

"I don't really know what they stand for. I saw George in an interview and he wasn't really sure either. But he didn't like what the others stood for." Then, in a reference to the yogic flying practised by party members, he added: "A lot of them aren't standing, they're pinging around the place."

He said he was looking forward to his tour, which begins its European leg in Sweden on July 2 and takes in Liverpool on July 6 and

London's Hammersmith Odeon the following day.

With him will be his son Zak, aged 26, also a drummer, and Joe Walsh, former member of the Eagles.

Although the PR minder

warned the press not to dwell on his past, the Beatles or alcoholism, Mr Starr seemed unperturbed by such questions. He had done nothing with his career, he said, in the five years prior to entering a drink rehabilitation clinic three and a half years ago: "I haven't had a drink since then. It's been a day at a time thanks to God."

Now he wanted a number one: "I made the record with selling records in mind. I'd be happy just to be in the top 20 but I'd love to be number one." He personally arranged a concert at Liverpool, at the Empire Theatre, because he said he had great memories of the venue: "I want to go back to Liverpool and play where I started out. I also want to give my dad and my uncle a day out."

Harrison stands, page 9



Starr: nostalgic return to play in Liverpool

## Major focuses attack on hung parliament

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Senior Conservatives remain convinced, however, that their support will prove stronger than indicated by the opinion polls. Professionals in both parties admitted that with a volatile electorate and more don't knows than ever before, the election result remains on a knife-edge.

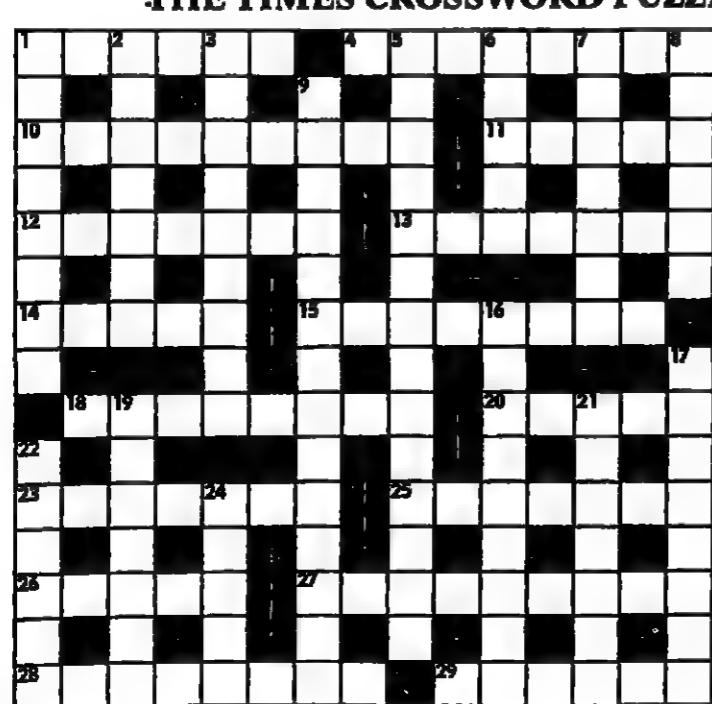
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## THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,886



### WORD WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which definitions are correct?

By Philip Howard

#### MOGILIA

Shivering and shuddering

b. Mewing like a cat

c. The Gita monster

#### THORBER

a. A Weezy movie

b. Preferring guesswork

c. A prepubescent fan

#### OREAD

a. Illiterate

b. Having a zero reading

c. A mountain nymph

#### GALBE

a. An armoured helmet

b. A rounded contour

c. An ecclesiastical vestment

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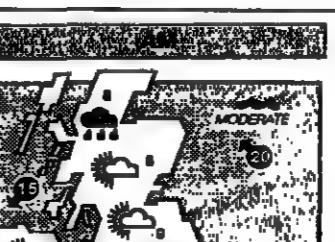
Concise Crossword, page 9  
Life & Times section

SCOTLAND will have light rain in the east; the west will be brighter. Northern Ireland should be bright, with showers. South Wales and southwest England will have some rain. Eastern England will have light rain, dying out. Other parts of England and Wales will have sunny spells and scattered showers. Outlook: mostly dry and bright tomorrow. On Thursday, rain from north-west will reach north Wales and northern England by evening.

London's Hammersmith Odeon the following day.

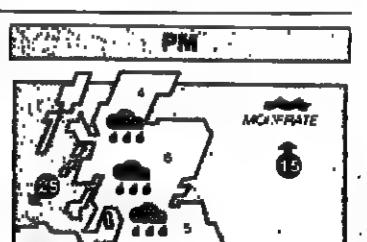
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## COMMENT

## Markets see no need for panic

Few people in the financial markets would be genuinely surprised if Neil Kinnock crossed the threshold of Downing Street, however much they regret the prospect. Why, then, should a change of government signal the widely expected run on sterling? Money and foreign exchange markets are thought particularly vulnerable to changes in government, because they are influenced directly by short-term policy measures. Bond and equity prices, by contrast, are driven primarily by long-term economic prospects. Yet in this election, interest and exchange rates may be less at risk than long bond yields and equity prices, thanks to totem of the ERM to which all parties bow.

Investors may want to test a new government's commitment to ERM membership, but who is going to stake really big money on this test? Many fundamental doubters have made their exit already, contributing to the sharp drop in gilt-edged prices in the past three weeks. With sterling already so close to its ERM floor, short-term speculators would have to count on a realignment within weeks to make good profits.

The chances of any incoming government eating its pledges and devaluing so quickly are minimal. Even if the medium-term prospects for the British economy and sterling were completely grim, the government would make good use of the plentiful foreign exchange reserves as first defence and expect support from other ERM members, most of whose currencies also rely on the credibility of the ERM safety net. If intervention failed, Britain would raise its interest rates long before considering devaluation. The pre-emptive increase discussed in the City might, however, prove unnecessary, even counter-productive. Why should a government play its trump card before speculators show their rather weaker hand? Indeed, traders might well decide that shorting sterling immediately after the election was a mug's game.

## Voters hit EMU

Europe's citizens may not be voting on the issue of economic and monetary union, but their decisions are questioning its progress. The economic message from the elections is unambiguous: France is jittering, Germany is swaying and Italy wobbling. Italy was never likely to have reduced government borrowing to the Maastricht limit of an underlying 3 per cent by 1997-9. At least it could have made visible progress in that direction. With no firm government in place, spending cuts are much harder to implement. Germany's fallible management of unification has already tarnished its reputation for economic soundness. Political stability could be the price. After yesterday's strong showing by ultra-right parties, Helmut Kohl lost his last regional test. German power base, and much personal credibility.

The architects of the Maastricht deal, François Mitterrand, Herr Kohl, Giulio Andreotti and John Major, have all suffered falls in popularity due to recession and their countries are becoming more introspective. Germany has yet to ratify the agreement, which will be no walkover given the shift in parliamentary power. As Europe's economies grow more slowly, fewer countries will be able to meet the Maastricht convergence tests; even Germany might miss the target. Without Germany, there will be no single currency. To keep Italy out might be economically easy but would be politically dangerous. Unless there is a return to stability, the introduction of a European single currency by the end of this decade should not be taken for granted.

Continental experience would indicate that Labour's pay plan and Tory opposition is much ado about nothing, says Wolfgang Münchau

Landmark changes in social policy have never been introduced without furious protests. Be it the abolition of slavery, the introduction of health and safety legislation, or equal pay for women: each time fears were raised that such policies would be inflationary and damaging to the country's competitiveness. Some people might want to draw parallels with the arguments raging in Britain today over a statutory minimum wage.

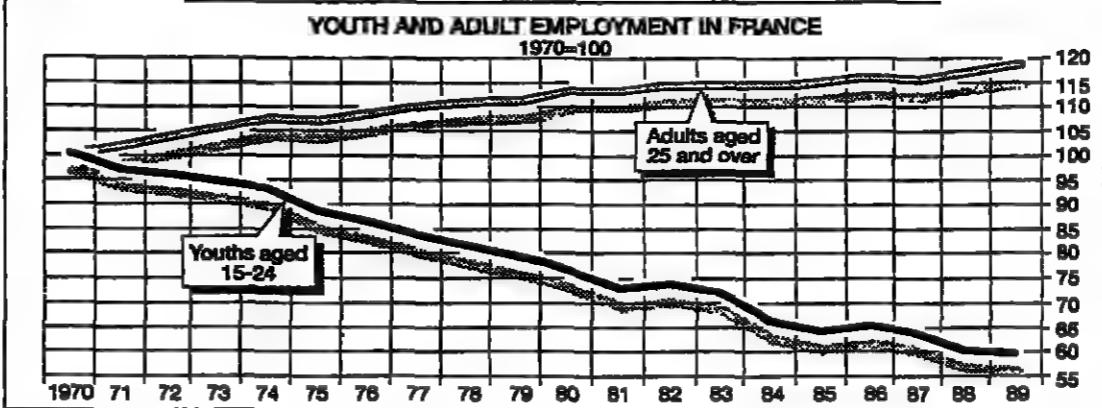
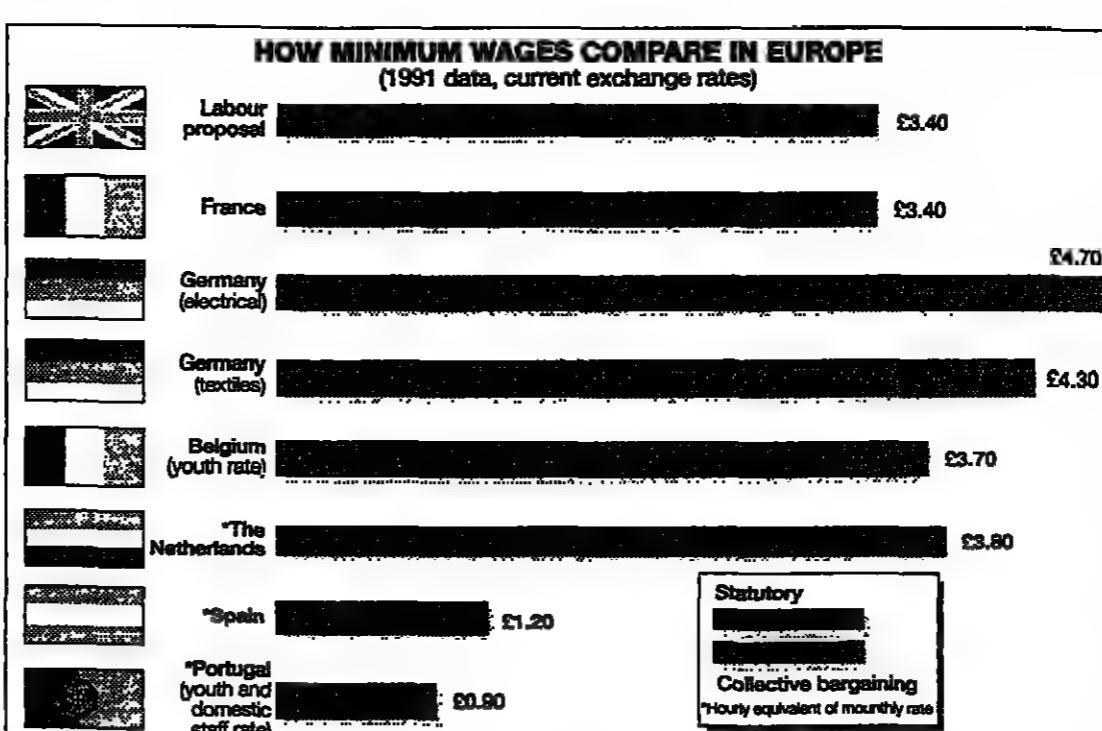
Rules or agreements imposing minimum wages are commonplace in the European Community and also exist in America. Even in Britain, wages have been fixed by statutory bodies in some traditional low-wage industries for three generations. The debate is about whether Britain should follow suit in imposing a general minimum wage. The Labour party thinks it should, and plans to introduce a minimum wage at £3.40 an hour, equivalent to about half the average of male earnings.

The most unedifying aspect of this debate is the way everybody seems to exaggerate the measure's likely impact. Supporters claim it would improve the living conditions of the poor dramatically. Opponents say it would render the British economy uncompetitive and would lead to a massive rise in unemployment.

The experience of a minimum wage in Europe would suggest that neither claim is true. The social justice claim is exaggerated, while assertions that a minimum wage would wreck the economy do not bear comparison. Those who make such claims rely on the assumption that the economic effects of a minimum wage are predictable. This is not so.

Since the majority of economists have proved incompetent even at forecasting the rate of economic growth over a 12-month period, one should treat with suspicion claims that they can predict accurately the effects of a policy whose outcome would become visible only in the medium term and which depends entirely on how employers will react to it. The problem of forecasting the impact of minimum wages is well established, and any serious analysis of this subject carries a methodological health warning.

This minor inconvenience has not deterred some from producing wild claims about the direct reduction in employment resulting from a £3.40 minimum wage. These estimates range from 8,800 (Liverpool university), to 49,100 (City university) or 102,400 (the Treasury). The Confederation of British Industry even claimed that unemployment would



ferentials is thought to be marginal in industry, although there might be a problem in the public service, especially the national health service, where pay is strictly graded. Comparisons with France, however, would not support the differential theory. France has lower average wage for production workers than Britain, despite the minimum wage.

There is, however, a big difference between continuing a minimum wage regime and introducing one. If employers pass on the extra costs in higher prices, a minimum wage could prove inflationary, but no more than a rise in VAT, and the rise in inflation should be temporary. Unemployment might go up to some extent, or profits might come down, or both.

Only a few, not necessarily well-performing, industries, would be hit. The impact on the economy as a whole is likely to be limited. Positive impulses would come from greater purchasing power and higher tax revenues. The combined effect of all these measures would be difficult to predict.

Most of the reputable economic analysis on the subject concludes, with ample health warnings about methodology, that the overall economic impact of a minimum wage is small. Equally, there is little evidence that a minimum wage has any measurable effect in eradicating poverty, as its proponents claim.

According to a study by Paul Gregg for the *National Institute Economic Review*, the national minimum wage is well-targeted only for the poorest families, where at least one member is at work. However, a national minimum wage is weakly targeted on all poor families for the reason that most are poor as a result of not having a job. Confirming the experience in France, Mr Gregg comes to the conclusion that "targeting on families who are likely to spend long periods in poverty would be much improved by a reduced rate for youths that is related to their age. This would also reduce the cost to the economy by around a quarter".

In view of the great amount of research on the subject, the Institute for Personnel Management said that "if more comprehensive legislation on minimum wages were to be introduced, the way in which it was done would be critically important in ensuring that the objectives were achieved and adverse effects kept to a minimum". The way a minimum wage hits employment would depend on how quickly it is introduced, whether it allows for some loopholes, for certain industries and young employees.

In this respect, Labour's proposal to fix the statutory minimum wage at 50 per cent of average male earnings for all sectors of the economy appears crude. Provided the edges of such could be smoothed, continental experience shows that the effects of a minimum wage are neither extraordinarily bad nor good. As long as it is intelligently applied, a minimum wage regime does not great harm.

## THE TIMES



## CITY DIARY

## Moore is top down under

IS THERE no stopping Nick Moore, one of the City's more extrovert commodities analysts? Moore, who works for Ord Minnett, the stockbroking arm of Westpac, Australia's biggest bank, has just become the first non-Australian to be voted a number one analyst by Australian institutions. "I was amazed at how perceptive they were," says Moore, aged 32, who took over the chairmanship of the Association of Mining Analysts from Rob Davies, of Lehman International, in January, and has just returned from a trip down under. He won his accolade from *Australian Business Monthly*, a financial magazine, which referred in passing to "the gregarious Nick Moore". In true antipodean style, he has since received several letters of congratulation addressed to "Greg Moore". Such slips aside, he firmly believes that base metals are about to boom, and is eagerly looking forward to his third triumph — his wife, Eleanor, is expecting their second baby in May.

## Toast to Lloyd's

HAVING cancelled holidays and cut back on the dinner parties, stricken members of Lloyd's are now making the ultimate sacrifice — they are selling off their wine cellars. One of the gainers is Richard Harvey-Jones of Suffolk, who is proving as successful in the wine trade as his namesake is in the world of television and consultancy. "There has been quite a pick-up in selling off cellars," says Harvey-Jones, who recently snapped up



last Thursday? The answer is yes," he adds. "Would have I gone back five years? The answer is no." The five weeks of the campaign, he says, "were the longest five weeks of my life".

OVERHEARD at a client seminar in the City: "When a company hit by recession has lost direction there are only two ways to recover — change the management or change the management."

## Beating the drum

ASPIRING City oarsmen who watched Saturday's boat race and felt a yearning to be back behind the paddle can sign up for this summer's Dragon Boat Race on the Isle of Dogs. The charity event is being co-ordinated by Olympic oarsman Chris Baileau and Rosie Randolph, wife of Robert Randolph, the London business development director of Matheson Securities, the stockbroking arm of Jardine Matheson. Proceeds will go to the Trireme Trust, which raises money for a more unusual boating event — the Aegean sea trials of the Olympias, a working reconstruction of the most famous of ancient Greek warships.

Matheson Securities is putting up a team of 16 oarsmen and Alasdair Villiers, aged 53, the managing director, is taking on the roll of time-beating drummer. According to Robert Randolph, Villiers has taken to doing his drum practice first thing every morning. "There's an impressive rhythm reverberating around St Helen's Place — he's quite clearly a natural," Randolph says.

eight boats of Merton Rowing Club 1961 worth £4,000 at a healthy discount. "It's just part of the financial climate we're living in. When times are bad, people sell their wine." Sir John once invited him to lunch in the ICI boardroom to see whether they were relaxed, but it seems the only things they have in common are an eye for a deal ... and a taste in wine.

Telling thoughts

LORD Young of Graftham, who left politics in 1990 to become chairman of Cable and Wireless, enjoyed a break from the election. A director of the Royal Opera House Trust, he was spotted enjoying Rossini's *William Tell* in a box at the Royal Opera House last Thursday. Lord Young admits that as the curtain went up at the Opera House his thoughts were very much on the 1987 election — perhaps harking back to "wobbly Thursday" when the Tories thought they might fall. Lord Young took over at the time with an eleventh-hour advertising campaign that many thought saved the day. "Was I thinking about it

JON ASHWORTH

## Oiling the 'innovation machine'

From Mr Geoffrey Vincent

Sir, Your article "Survivors try to make the cellular telephone upwardly mobile again" (Business News, April 1) well illustrates the pitfalls facing those who launch innovative products and services — especially telecommunications services. But if they do not do so, we will all be the poorer.

The DTI's initiative in licensing new "personal communications" services — both teletext and PCN — has had repercussions around the world. Some 15-20 countries are experimenting in different ways with the CT2 technology developed for teletext in the UK, and others are planning to introduce services related to PCN.

The intent behind this initiative — to provide improved telecommunications services to a wider market, at a lower cost — can only be applauded. Nevertheless, the way the drama has been played out in the UK has left companies and investors reeling hurt to lick their wounds, and an understandable reluctance, with some honourable exceptions, to re-enter the fray.

It would be a pity if UK industry, having suffered the initial battle scars, left the field clear for others in France, Hong Kong, the USA and Japan to reap the benefit. It is in all our interests to have UK companies succeed in what will be a growth area on a global scale over the next decade.

Successful innovation — turning ideas into profitable business — involves a complex interaction between industry, government, the financial community and end users. Each of these plays an essential role, but none of them can succeed alone. To bring the UK's "innovation

machine" up to the standard of those of Japan and Germany, we need an extensive — and public — debate on how innovation works.

The UK is a prolific source of ideas (and personal communications is a good idea that will make millions for some). Too often, these ideas flow directly into the smoothly running innovation machines of other economies.

Protection will not work: the only solution open to us is to overhaul our own machinery for innovation — and the first step is to understand why and how it breaks down. Your article is a helpful contribution.

Yours faithfully,  
GEOFFREY VINCENT  
(Business Development  
Director, Information  
Industry),  
PA Consulting Group,  
Cambridge Laboratory,  
Royston,  
Hertfordshire.

## Chairmen's pay

From T. M. Baring

Sir, It is time to stop the periodic uproar over company chairmen's salaries. Could not the CBI establish a code of ethics on the following lines?

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## The go-anywhere aid

When the eye surgeon Stephen Bailey cycles between consultations at a London hospital and his private practice, his portable computer goes with him in a pannier on the rear wheel. Mr Bailey uses the machine to analyse information from his clinical studies. The text-processing and graphics are invaluable in preparing his lectures on ocular disease. The machine, an Apple Powerbook, enables him to work on complex illustrations on the move and convert them to colour 35mm film via his desktop Macintosh at home.

"Instead of cramming all my computing into evenings or weekends, I can put in an extra two to three hours a day by making use of spare time between patients or during the lunch hour," he says.

This year, he was in a road accident, the pannier was knocked off his bicycle and a lorry reversed over his computer. Mr Bailey had come to regard the machine as indispensable, so he immediately bought a new and more powerful one and secured his pannier more tightly.

Mr Bailey's portable is of the class known as "electronic notebooks", so called because they are roughly the size and weight of an A4 pad. Notebooks are the fastest-growing segment of the portable computer market.

Analysts expect that by 1994 they will account for three-quarters of portables sold in Europe, about six million machines. The battle between the manufacturers is all the more ferocious because research suggests that users have more influence in choosing their portables than their desktop personal computers.

Mobile professionals are an important market, although the largest number of sales has gone to financial institutions. Insurance salesmen use portables in customers' homes to give instant policy premium figures and maturity values.

The technology, nevertheless, still has drawbacks, the biggest being short battery life. Most notebooks have a practical limit of about three hours' use between recharging, so the batteries could run out on a long train or aircraft journey. Mr Bailey's solution is to carry

Jane Bird meets a busy surgeon, whose computer rides with him through the streets of London

PETER TREVOR



On the road: Stephen Bailey packs away his computer

a spare battery. If possible, he takes the power lead, too.

One answer to the battery problem is a smaller computer. There are now many "palmtops", priced from £200, which fit comfortably in a pocket or a handbag and use less power because they use credit-card-sized memory chips instead of floppy discs. More power is saved by not backlitting the screens.

British companies that have pioneered palmtops include Sinclair, Psion and Agenda. One of the most successful is DIP, of Guildford, Surrey, which designed the Atari Portfolio, Pocket PC, and the PC 3000 for Sharp of Japan.

Oliver Tucker, DIP's sales

director, describes the Sharp machine as the "first compromise hand-held".

He says: "People say that for the money they could get a 286 notebook with a 20-megabyte hard disc, but this is rubbish. It is like comparing a Porsche with a Mini. If you were driving to Scotland, you might take the powerful car, but for a brief trip to the shops the Mini would be better. With notebooks the maximum memory life you get is three hours. The Sharp gives you 40 hours on three AA batteries."

DIP bases its designs on the observation that people use 10 per cent of the functions 90 per cent of the time.

"When you go out, you need

not take your database of 2,000 contacts, just the 200 you call most frequently," Mr Tucker says. He believes the machine's small size is an advantage. "Four or five pounds might not seem much, but it gets very heavy if you are carrying it around the world," he says.

The other main limitations of portables are the high cost or poor quality of colour screens. Cheap colour is slow and fuzzy, and for good results you really need active matrix thin film transistor. Manufacturing difficulties with this technology are keeping the cost at about £6,000. Unless you are working on presentations or computer-aided design, it is probably not worth investing in colour at present.

One of the most ingenious ideas in portable computing is the "docking" system. This enables a conventional notebook computer to be inserted into a desktop expansion base like a cassette into a VCR. The notebook then becomes the brains of the desktop machine, but allows the user to operate with full-sized screen, keyboard and mouse.

His approach saves space and money because the user does not have to invest in two processing units. Time is saved because the communications between portable and desktop systems are simplified. Most users, on returning to their offices, have the tedious task of plugging cables into sockets and running a communications program, or transferring data on floppies to update central files.

Security is another drawback. Portables are easy to steal, as an army officer found when he left Gulf war plans in a portable computer in his car boot. In trains and aircraft another passenger can peer over your shoulder. Compaq has incorporated a quick-lock quick-blank facility so that you can wipe the screen.

Portables are, however, still a compromise. They have not caught up with desktops in versatility. Mr Bailey sees a role for both. He says: "I would not use the portable as my only machine because ergonomically it is too restricted, but it complements the desktop machine."

Alliances have been set up for the benefit of users but many have doubts

## Who are the winners from cooperation?

One of the fastest-growing sectors in an otherwise stagnant computer industry is the cross-company alliance. Driven by falling sales, the high cost of research and development and intense competitive pressure, companies that were once deadly rivals are joining hands to exploit their expertise and resources.

Officially the aim is not only to achieve joint development and minimise costs but also to indicate to customers what the future holds and to establish a standard around which products will be built.

The attempts to establish standards, however, often conflict and are dictated more by fitting in with the existing products and direction of the participating companies than by agreement.

Unit International and the Open Software Foundation (OSF) were formed in 1988 to promote a standard for the Unix operating system. The former was backed by AT&T, the owner of Unix, Sun Microsystems and several software companies. The OSF had the support of IBM, Digital Equipment, Hewlett-Packard and other hardware heavyweights. The two, however, espoused different standards and a wide gulf still separates them.

Some people believe that, far from promoting a standard to benefit the customer, such alliances actually impede technological progress. Peter Gottlieb, the chairman of Uniforum UK, a users' group for Unix customers, says: "The effect of such alliances is the slowing-down of the arrival of technology and with it cheaper prices and better performance for customers. That keeps the manufacturers' proprietary systems selling. Users face a very difficult business environment and they cannot wait for the computer industry to tell them what to do."

A third coalition, Advanced Computing Environment

(ACE) has emerged from the OSF with the intention of creating a standard Unix environment for the desktop with the support of such companies as Compaq, Digital Equipment and Olivetti.

However, Lance Allen, Olivetti's marketing manager, says: "There is a big advantage to the customer if a group of suppliers gets together to define a standard. It is a way of establishing the standard more quickly than by letting one emerge."

Mr Gottlieb replies: "It is companies not consortia that set standards." He cites Novell in the networking market, Microsoft in the PC operating systems market and Sun in the Unix marketing as companies that have introduced products defining the standards.

Mr Gottlieb's views are broadly shared by Apple Computer, itself a member of both Unix International and the OSF, though not of the ACE consortium.

Steve Everhard, an Apple marketing manager, says: "ACE can be seen as a stalling tactic by the manufacturers because it cannot produce a product quickly and customers will delay purchasing. Effectively, it is holding the market at the current level."

Apple has allied itself with IBM to develop a new operating system for the desktop. The companies have formed a joint company with initial funding of \$2 billion (£1.16 billion) to develop the operating system based around object-oriented technology.

An important difference between the IBM-Apple alliance and the consortia is that the two companies have put a definite time scale on delivery of their products.

The IBM-Apple alliance has already started to deliver some products to connect equipment more easily but the operating system is not planned for delivery until



Steve Everhard at Apple: looking forward to 1995

the future. There is a strong feeling, however, that some of the alliances slow the introduction of new standards and technologies and have also been used by their members as an additional marketing arm of the suppliers.

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# Taking care to keep on running

Geof Wheelwright considers the best arrangements for after-sales care

Personal computer manufacturers are beginning to realize that they may have missed a crucial step in their products' "user-friendliness". Although the increased use of picture-based software has generally made PCs simpler to operate, the same does not hold true for maintaining and repairing.

Whom do you call when your computer packs up? How much should you be expected to pay? Until recently, the only answer was to pay for an extended service contract or to take the machine to your dealer.

Service contracts, however, can be expensive. Some manufacturers have responded by offering longer warranty periods. Tandon, in Redditch, Worcestershire, for example, recently began advertising a three-year warranty on some models, including a portable. Portable computers can

bring their own problems — although they are rugged, they are more likely to be damaged because they are frequently moved.

Compaq Computer offers its users a "worldwide warranty identification card" which should allow them to get immediate service on their systems in 66 countries. Its arch-rival, Dell, has also made a great play of its worldwide service facilities for portable computer users.

Of course you get what you pay for and those selling the dearer brands will often tell you that you are paying the extra money for better service. Even long-established companies that had until recently been able to trade on their name alone are now having to look at improving service.

IBM, for example, recently established a hotline service in the United States to serve direct sales customers better, while Compaq has beefed up



Getting it right: Gero Orlando, an Amstrad design engineer, works on a hard disc drive assembly

its hotline and service systems in Britain. Compaq has also announced an authorisation scheme for those wishing to provide contract support services. They will be required to offer 24-hour, on-site maintenance within four hours of a call, and maintain a customer support hotline.

The real point about maintenance contracts, however, may be whether you need them at all. Old-style maintenance contracts, where you

pay a fee based on a percentage of your computer's total worth, are becoming a little meaningless. If, for example, you paid £4,000 for a computer based on the 386 chip four years ago you may have a maintenance contract costing 10 per cent of the value of that system per year after the original one-year warranty expires. By now you would have spent £1,200 in maintenance fees, yet the resale value would be less than

£1,000 and a smart PC shopper could find a similar new system for less than £1,000.

The real value of many PCs lies in the data they hold — recreating it could cost far more than replacing the computer. In most cases, the money spent on an expensive maintenance contract would be far better spent on buying a good backup system to make regular "security" copies of data.

# Leaders go into battle

This is the age of software but makers disagree on standards

If the 1980s were the decade when personal computer hardware took hold of many working lives, the 1990s are fast becoming the decade of software, writes *Geof Wheelwright*. In particular, this is the decade of the "operating system", the layer of special software that turns users' commands into something it can understand.

Often that operating system is now based on using pictures to issue commands. To see the contents of a floppy disc, you use a "mouse" to point at a floppy disc picture on screen.

To print a document, you take a picture representing the document and "drag" it across the screen to a picture representing the printer.

Computer makers, however, do not agree on which standard for operating systems will prevail. The industry leaders, IBM, Microsoft and Apple, all have different operating systems to accomplish much the same task and there will be no peace in the computer industry until one of them comes out the winner. Many thought the issue had been largely resolved ten years ago when IBM and Microsoft combined to produce PC-DOS. However, the operating system debate recently reopened.

IBM is now backing its proprietary OS/2 picture-based system. A second version was recently announced. Microsoft, IBM's former ally, wants everybody to use its hugely successful Windows 3 system and a soon-to-be-announced special edition of that operating environment known as Windows NT.

Apple Computer continues to plough a lone furrow with System 7, a new operating system for the Apple Macintosh computer. To confuse matters further, Unix, the avowed choice of those selling

"graphics workstations", is fast coming up as a competitor with graphical versions.

Even within Unix, supposedly based on the same standards, there is incompatibility. Steve Jobs, Apple's co-founder and former chairman, has produced an impressive operating system with his present company, Next. There could even be more choice as former arch-rivals IBM and Apple have decided to work together on the Power PC.

IBM's long-awaited OS/2 2.0 was announced last month, but there is no sign that it will be more successful than previous versions of IBM's "alternative" PC operating system. IBM's systems will run all the main applications based on PC-DOS but also Windows 3.0 applications without modification. IBM has gained support from key applications software and system software developers, including Lotus, Borland and Novell. IBM claims that it runs Windows applications faster than Windows 3.0, and is easier to use than either Windows or previous versions of OS/2. Even if the

claims are true, it would take a great deal to slow the Windows 3 bandwagon. More than nine million copies have been sold and a new version, 3.1, has been available since yesterday.

There are smaller skirmishes, which British technology may win. London-based Psion, for example, has been successful in selling hand-held portable computers and during the past couple of years has developed an innovative proprietary operating system for a computer that fits in the palm of your hand. This computer, known as the Psion Series 3, allows users to start up programs just by pointing at pictures and then control them with "pull-down menus".

## 'What is more significant is the operating system that is required'

# Software will be the key to workstations

The battle for business may already be won on operating systems

Traditional personal computer manufacturers and companies making powerful workstations are both claiming that their products will be the controlling feature of the next generation of desktop computing.

Analysts say that for current business use there is no contest, pointing to the multitude of IBM and compatible personal computers available that are based around the Intel chip and which run the MS-DOS and Windows operating systems.

At the moment the market for workstations that offer high-resolution graphics and hefty processing power is still largely confined to the technical and scientific areas for which they were originally designed.

The research company IDC says that last year about 1.5 million IBM-compatible personal computers were sold, compared with 83,000 workstations. Even this latter figure is too high, argues the IDC analyst Simon Pearce, as 60,000 of these were Acorn systems sold for educational purposes.

There is a further worrying factor for workstation manufacturers. For the first time, the average amount spent on personal computers dropped last year — from £1,750 to £1,650.

Although the falling costs of hardware and the recession may account for some of the drop, Mr Pearce believes that the demand for more powerful and more expensive machines has fallen because users have reached the level of technology required to run their business.

Only a year ago, the workstation suppliers were predicting that the battle for the hearts, minds and wallets of customers would start in 1992. Today, suppliers of both workstations and personal computers believe that fight has been postponed.

"What is becoming more significant is the operating system that any application requires," says John Coon, the product marketing manager of Sun Microsystems. "If you have an MS-DOS application running eight hours a day,



Competition: John Coon

then you should undoubtedly buy a personal computer. The real competition will come when new operating systems for personal computers try to take on some of the more sophisticated characteristics that workstations with Unix already offer."

One supplier that foresaw a growth of the workstation market was Tandon. The company realised that its own products could not meet the demand, so it allied itself with Solbourne, a rival workstation supplier to Sun Microsystems, in an attempt to offer products that straddled both camps.

That alliance, under which Tandon would sell Solbourne workstations with some minor modifications, has ended after only six months.

Both sides in the argument agree that the issue of hardware is no longer an important selling point and that what matters is which operating system the machines will use.

However, debates about the future of operating systems do not impress the desktop user, apart from the technically minded. What may decide the issue of workstation versus personal computer is which system can offer a business most compatibility with the use of existing software. At the moment, that puts the personal computer in a commanding position.

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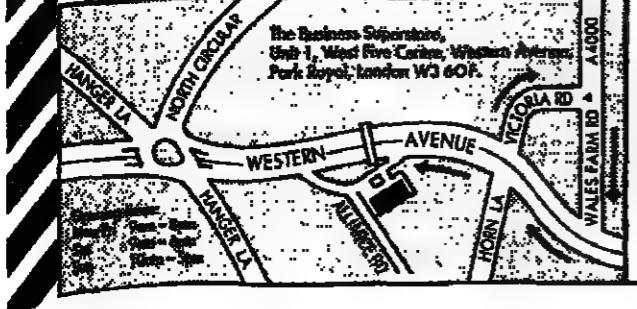
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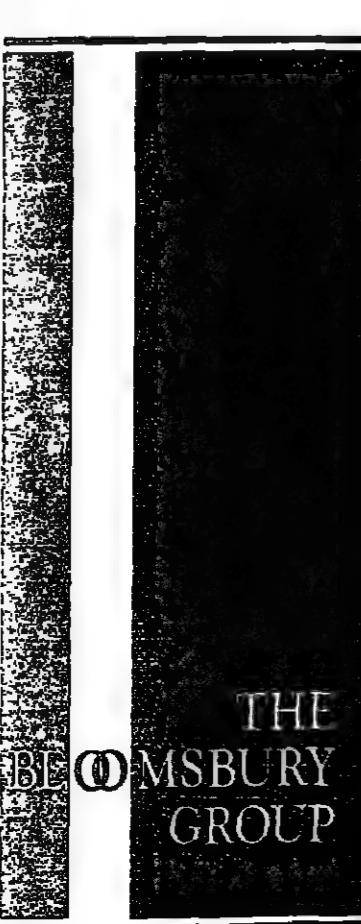
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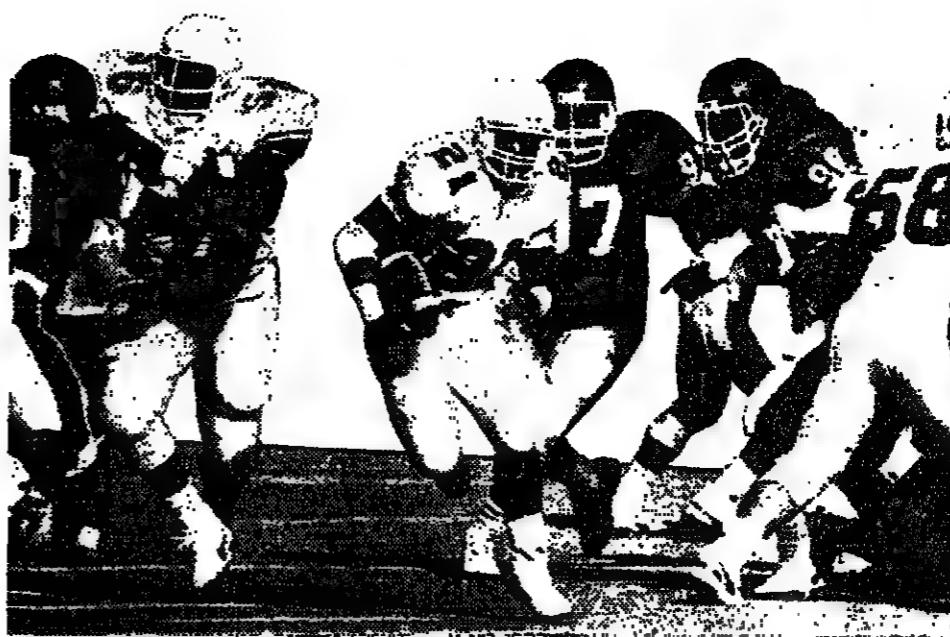
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## Assessing value of shares

**Smith New Court Securities Ltd v Scrimgeour Vickers (Asset Management) Ltd and Another**  
Before Mr Justice Chadwick [Judgment March 25]

In assessing damages for a purchase of shares induced by a fraudulent misrepresentation, the measure to be adopted was the difference between the purchase price and their actual value.

In assessing that value the market price was of no assistance when it had been distorted by a fraud whether by the defendant himself or by a third party unconnected with the transaction.

An alternative method, in which it was permissible to take into account the price at which the market subsequently settled after the true state of affairs had been disclosed, provided a better method for ascertaining the true value of the shares as at the date of purchase.

Mr Justice Chadwick so held in a subsequent judgment in the Chancery Division awarding Smith New Court Securities Ltd (SNC) £10,764.005 on its claim against Citibank NA, the second defendant, and Christopher Nigel Roberts, the third party, 'but dismissing the claim against the defendant Scrimgeour Vickers (Asset Management) Ltd (SVC).

Mr Anthony Grabiner, QC, Mr Ian Glick, QC and Mr John McCaughran for Smith New Court; Mr Jonathan Sumpson, QC and Mr Anthony Mann for the defendants; Mr Charles Pugh

and Mr Mark Shuler for Mr Roberts.

**MR JUSTICE CHADWICK** said that on July 21, 1989 SNC agreed to buy from SVAM 10p each in the company then known as Ferranti International Signal plc for a price of 82 1/2 p per share, that is, a total consideration of some £23 million.

In that transaction SVAM was acting as broker and the instruction of Citibank. Mr Roberts was employed by Citibank in London as the head of its private banking department.

His Lordship found that the bargain was struck after Mr Roberts had fraudulently misrepresented to SNC that there were two other buyers interested in the shares at a similar price, one Cifcorp and the other Derry (1887) 37 Ch D 541).

In the succeeding months the share price of Ferranti fell to as low as 30p per share. By April 30, 1990 SNC had sold all the shares at a cumulative loss of £11,353,220.

SNC brought an action claiming that the oral agreement of July 19, 1989 was rescinded for misrepresentation and repayment of the purchase price, alternatively damages for misrepresentation.

His Lordship said he could see no reason in principle why in cases where the true value of the shares should be ascertained independently of the market should be confined to circumstances in which the market had been distorted by the defendant's own wrong.

On the basis that without Mr Roberts' fraudulent misrepresentation SNC would not have bought the Ferranti shares, the measure of damages was the

difference between what SNC actually paid and what the shares were worth on July 21.

How did one assess what the shares were then worth? SNC contended that the market price on July 21 afforded no satisfactory evidence of the true value on that day. They said that the market was deceived by the preliminary announcement by Ferranti on July 14 of its result for the year ended March 31.

The injustice restricting the plaintiffs to loss measured by reference to a false market might be particularly striking in circumstances where the false market had been created by the defendant's own wrong but the plaintiff's loss was no less and the justification for a measure which was not the true measure no greater where the false market had been created by a third party.

In his Lordship's judgment, it was permissible to look at subsequent events in order to ascertain the true value of Ferranti shares as at July 21, 1989. The price at which the market settled on the 16th of November, after the revised accounts had been published, provided a reasonably reliable guide as to the true value of shares at the time of acquisition.

He held that the true value on July 21 was 44p per share, the total value of 28,141,424 shares was £12,362,226. Therefore the loss suffered by SNC on that day was £10,764,005, being the difference between the price paid and the value of the shares.

In the circumstances that the actual proceeds realised on sales was less than what his Lordship had found the true value to be the loss suffered by SNC was not reduced by the need to give credit for the actual proceeds realised in the sales by SNC from November 20, 1989 and April 30, 1990.

Solicitors: Arthur Morris Crisp; Wilde Sapte; Davis Hanson, West Kensington.

The underlying reason for refusing to measure true value by

reference to the market was that the market value would not be reliable evidence of the true value if the relevant market was a false market.

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**Cheddar Valley Engineering Ltd v Chaddiewood Homes Ltd**

**Before Mr Jules Sher, QC** [Judgment February 28]

Where negotiations started on a without prejudice basis it was incumbent on the party who sought to change the basis of such negotiations to spell out the change with clarity.

Mr Jules Sher, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Chancery Division, so held giving judgment in open court after a hearing in chambers dismissing the appeal of Chaddiewood Homes Ltd from the decision of Deputy Master Powell of January 10, 1992 in favour of Cheddar Valley Engineering Ltd ordering that a memorandum and letter listed in the summons were privileged and admitted in evidence.

Miss Ann McAllister for Chaddiewood; Mr Mark Cunningham for Cheddar.

**HIS LORDSHIP** said that Chaddiewood was the vendor and Chaddiewood the purchaser under an agreement for the sale of certain property.

The agreement broke down and there was litigation between the parties. On August 1, 1990 Mr Croall of Chaddiewood's solicitors, telephoned Mr Brydon, of Cheddar's solicitors, and made a without prejudice offer to compromise the litigation.

The offer was not accepted and further negotiations took place. On August 9, Mr Croall telephoned Cheddar's solicitors again hoping to talk to Mr

Brydon but on being told he was on holiday spoke to Mr Mark Ogden, a legal executive of Cheddar's solicitors.

The relevant part of Mr Croall's attendance note of that telephone conversation read: "Put open offer to purchase whole land for £180,000 plus we pay their costs". The crucial word was "open". The issue was whether that conversation was open or without prejudice.

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Mr Ogden's evidence was that it was his understanding and belief that those negotiations were on a without prejudice basis and that in particular the telephone conversation was without prejudice. Mr Ogden's veracity was not challenged by Mr Croall although he said he failed to see how a misunderstanding could have arisen in the mind of Mr Ogden.

Mr Croall's evidence was that the offer made in the telephone call was expressed by him to be an open offer which was subsequently confirmed in a letter faxed to Cheddar's solicitors later that day. That letter was headed "subject to contract" but was not headed "without prejudice".

There was no mention in the letter that the word "open" had been used in the telephone call. Mr Ogden made the point that given that he was under the impression that the negotiations

were without prejudice, there was nothing in the letter to disabuse him of that understanding.

His Lordship said that between August 1 and 24 there were negotiations for the settlement of the litigation. That alone would prima facie raise the presumption that the communications in that period were without prejudice; see *Chocoladefabriken Linde & Sprungli AG v The Nestle Co Ltd* (1978) RPC 287.

The offer at the beginning of the negotiations on August 1 was plainly without prejudice as accepted by both sides. In the circumstances one would expect to find something very specific and clear before concluding that they had ceased to be so.

Mr Croall said that he used the word "open" and Mr Ogden could not affirm or deny it. Therefore his Lordship accepted that the word "open" was used but that it was not adverted to by Mr Ogden. He did not pick up the word "open".

If negotiations started off without prejudice and one side wished

to make an open offer the change had to be bilateral; it had to be communicated to the other side and of course could not refer to earlier without prejudice discussions.

But in his Lordship's judgment such a communication made in circumstances when it would be brought home to a reasonable man would be enough. For instance, it would not be open to Mr Ogden to show that he did not understand "open" because of ignorance of the difference between the two bases or for the recipient of a letter plainly marked "open" to say that he did not read it properly.

But it was incumbent on the party who changed the basis of negotiations to have begun on a without prejudice basis to spell out the change with clarity. It might not be enough just to say the word "open".

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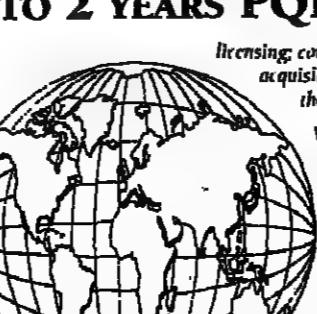
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# Can Scotland keep its oil?

**Marc Weller on whether an independent Scotland would automatically belong to the EC**

The question of independence for Scotland is at the heart of the election campaign north of the border. In principle, the Scots are legally entitled to invoke the right of self-determination. But if they were to proclaim independence, at least two controversial issues would arise: whose are the riches on the continental shelf of Scotland's coasts, and what would be the position of Scotland *vis-à-vis* the European Community?

In international law, the act of self-determination triggers the application of the right to "permanent sovereignty over natural resources". Scotland would succeed to full title over the continental shelf adjacent to its territory. But this right would not be unlimited.

In this case of post-colonial succession, the newly independent authorities would remain bound by concession agreements and licences at present granted to United Kingdom or foreign companies. This would not be an altogether bitter blow, however, since the licence fees and taxes would henceforth flow into Edinburgh's coffers.

Determining the maritime boundaries between Scotland and the former UK is harder. On the eastern coast, Scotland would inherit the established boundary dividing the UK and Norwegian continental shelf. But the delimitation of the continental shelf between Scotland and England could pose problems.

At present, a straight line is drawn east from the land boundary between England and Scotland to delineate jurisdiction within the UK (latitude 55 degrees 50' North). However, Whitehall might invoke international, rather than municipal law should it come to Scottish independence. Due to the concave coastline leading into the Firth of Forth, the government in London might be able to claim a number of oil fields over which Scotland would wish to assert jurisdiction.

Further difficulties arise over the Orkney and Shetland Islands. It seems that the islands' popula-



Liquid gold: the Brent oil field off the Shetland Isles, which Scotland could lose if the islands decide against independence

tions are to be asked if they wish to join an independent Scotland. If the islanders were to opt out of independence, then that might remove further resource-rich areas from Scottish jurisdiction.

Such losses might be tolerable if independent Scotland were to reap the benefits of continued EC membership — an issue which has caused controversy among the political parties in the north. Hugh McMahon, a Labour MEP, commissioned a study from the legal advisers' office of the European Parliament asking about the status of seceding entities within the EC. The study reportedly concluded that entities seceding from EC member states would have to be formally admitted to the EC.

But then Jorge Campinos, the report's author, wrote to the Scottish National Party saying it had not been written with Scotland in mind. However, the opinion was sound legally. According to an

authoritative (although unratified) United Nations draft convention, questions of participation in international organisations are explicitly exempted from the general principles of state secession and there is no principle of automatic membership.

And the reason is simple: states want to protect themselves from having to admit politically undesirable entities *into* their midst. Increased membership could also upset the voting balance in international organisations and might therefore require constitutional rules to be adjusted.

There are no opposing precedents in EC practice. After Greenland gained greater autonomy from Denmark, it did so precisely because it wanted to leave the EC, rather than remain a member. And the integration of East Germany is therefore not convincing. The EC is likely to consider London as the

representative of the successor state. This does not mean, however, that a transition towards membership could not be achieved from within the EC. The Community is a very special kind of organisation. It is constitutionally committed to achieving the irreversible and ever closer union of the peoples of Europe. An exclusion of the Scots could hardly be justified, even if some member states, such as Spain, are said to be reluctant to admit the principle of secession. If Scotland opted for independence, it seems likely that membership in the Community would be negotiated in parallel with talks about the practicalities of secession conducted at Westminster. Scotland would then be granted membership once independence becomes effective.

• The author, a research fellow of St Catharine's College and the University of Cambridge Research Centre for International Law, lectures on international law in the university.

## A new creature takes first steps

European economic interest groups set up for formal cross-border links have been popular

Manchester-based law firm, Pannone March Pearson, was the first British law firm to form a European economic interest group (EEIG). That was back in July 1989 and since then EEIGs have become increasingly popular with lawyers throughout the European Community as a way of establishing formal cross-border links with other legal practices without falling foul of local professional rules and regulations.

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Significantly the EEIG to which Simmons & Simmons belongs has just recruited a Portuguese member and itself has now opened a small office in Lisbon. This comes after a considerable time spent looking at (and rejecting) many Portuguese candidates before finally selecting a partnership led by Luis Nobre Guedes and F. Castello Branco. The Simmons & Simmons EEIG already has very strong Iberian and South American connections. This stems from its links with the Club Abogados which was set up originally by the Spanish firm of J&A Garrigues (with whom Simmons & Simmons shares of

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The problem is not equipment, but ice. Time at commercial rinks costs money. South Korea, which had the first three in the overall men's individual event here and also took the women's title, get six

hours a day on ice at home. The British squad is lucky to get that in a fortnight, because of the shortage of rinks and, therefore, the demand on ice time.

For Britain, the situation will become accentuated because of the sport's development by, in particular, China, Canada, Japan, the Netherlands and Korea. The level of intensity was, regrettably, demonstrated when a Korean, having shunted a colleague out of the 1,000 metres final with a rash overtaking manoeuvre on the inside, when his country was about to take all three medals, was unceremoniously kneed in the groin by one of his coaches in full view on return to the dressing room. "Not what the sport should be," Wif O'Reilly reflected wryly.

World records were broken here more than 30 times, sometimes by two or three competitors in a heat. This was partially because of Denver's altitude, approaching 5,500ft, and the de-ionised water for creating unusually hard ice, but also the rapid progress being made in a new sport.

"What was sufficient to win a semi-final six years ago is today not good enough to survive the heats," Arthur Marshall, Britain's coach, who after eight years in the job is also retiring, said yesterday. "All our major opposition have full-time coaches and physiotherapists, as essential as in cycling. Britain will fall away unless we raise the levels of administration."

The dilemma for the British Skating Association is illustrated by the decision when hosting the 1994 world championships, to stage the event at ... Guildford. Not exactly your focal point of British sport. Birmingham, the home town of O'Reilly — world champion in 1991 and equal fourth this weekend — would have attracted the crowds, but there are two snags: it has no rink of regulation 60 metres by 30 metres size, and the stadium has to be commercially compensated for being available for two weeks, including preparation time.

The only regulation rinks in England are at Basingstoke, Bracknell and Hull. Guildford, where the rink has yet to be completed, received the nod

because it offered the most attractive financial terms. "We're still a Mickey Mouse sport, and desperately need better promotion," Marshall said.

I am convinced that short-track could have a spectacular future if an imaginative sponsor would see the possibilities. Almost anyone who experiences the sport first hand becomes hooked. In Australia, recently, I met people who were fascinated by the televised Olympic event.

In many ways this is the perfect spectator sport: fast, unpredictable, intensely competitive, physically challenging and risky, determined by absolute measurement and not by judging, and with 20 or so races in, say, a preliminary evening session.

The hazards, with speeds of over 25mph in even the longer races, mean that the best performers are often beaten. Being on the edge of one's seat is a sports-writing cliché, yet I have seldom so repeatedly had the experience as this last weekend.

As O'Reilly says, the demands on a world champion are hugely varied, from sprint to endurance, similar to the Tour de France, and, on a two-session day, present more serious difficulty for energy replacement. Aged 27, O'Reilly will continue at least until the 1994 Winter Olympics. "The sport is so new," he says, "and there is little research in physiology or biomechanics applied to short-track. I'm just one of the forerunners."

Woosnam and Lyle fade before Masters

## Faldo strikes right practice chord in New Orleans

FROM MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, IN AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

NICK Faldo arrived here for the 56th Masters, which starts on Thursday, oozing with confidence after finishing joint-sixth behind Chip Beck in the New Orleans Classic.

"I have not felt as good about my game in 20 months," he said. "It is the first time since the 1990 US PGA Championship that I will go into a major with an upbeat feeling."

Faldo completed the tournament on the demanding English Turn course with a third successive 69 for a total of 281. Beck won the \$180,000 first prize with a 70 for a score of 276, 12 under par. Mike Standly (69), another American, and Greg Norman (69), of Australia, shared second place.

Faldo, who was four over par after three holes of the first round, was the only player to score below 70 in each of the last three rounds. "I set myself a stiff task and responded to it," he said.

## Trevino sets the pace for seniors

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA

LEE Trevino is in prime form. Jetlagged, on a course he felt was not suited to his game, he still won the Tradition at Desert Mountain on Sunday, beating Jack Nicklaus by one shot.

Trevino leads the senior money list with \$297,229, having won twice this season, and of his last 16 rounds on tour, only two have not been in the 60s. Those two were 70 and included the last round at the Tradition, where he had a total of 274, 14 under par, just enough to relegate Nicklaus to second place.

Nicklaus said: "It's disappointing, but I'm not sure that this week I was any better than second."

Losing was disappointing enough but in the last two years Nicklaus has used victory in the Tradition as a

confidence booster for the Masters and this year he must go to Augusta without that extra lift winning brings.

Remarkable though he is, he has probably not played enough competitive golf to trouble seriously the likes of Couples, Faldo and Olazabal.

Trevino, who has never liked Augusta, has not qualified this year.

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## O'Sullivan sums it up in a nutshell

By HENRY KELLY

LET us now praise famous men: those brave ones who ride horses over fences at breakneck speed so that the rest of us — too wise or too afraid to do it ourselves — can have a day out in the country, lots of fun and games, and maybe make a few bob.

I have either listened to, watched or been at the Aintree Grand National ever since I was a child. Yet each year, no matter how blasé I might get beforehand, when the horses are wheeling around at the start of this wonderful race I still get a nerve-tingling sense of excitement out of all proportion with anything in sport I could ever have experienced personally.

This year, the BBC's coverage included cameras hidden in fences. Wisely, they left those shots until the replay. To be honest, they didn't add much to the enjoyment of the race. What was remarkable were the cameras in the back of the boats during the Boat Race and the ones used by the Beeb from the side of some of the fences at Aintree.

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There was another famous man on screen during the weekend: Stephen Hendry, the Benson and Hedges Irish snooker tournament from the local hero, Ken Doherty. Between them, Hendry and Doherty played magnificent snooker, but the shots of the tournament were the ones taken by the RTE cameramen for BSkyB. I almost cried myself when I saw those cuddly Irish mothers, dressed as if for Sunday Mass, standing and cheering with tears in their eyes as they looked down on Hendry and Doherty — both in their twenties, but both looking so young you had to believe they had a note from their own mums to be allowed out so late at night.

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## BASKETBALL

## Kingston players criticised in defeat

BY NICHOLAS HARVEY

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West Indies selectors under fire

# S Africans exude confidence and look like winners

FROM RICHARD STREETON  
IN KINGSTON, JAMAICA

AS SOUTH Africa continue their untroubled practices, guarded by armed police, with not a demonstrator in sight, it is ironic that West Indies could be cast as the villains in the first one-day international here today.

A acute disappointment at the poor World Cup results, plus criticism of the selectors for keeping the same side, is still rife. Nobody will be surprised if West Indies are booted as they take the field.

The volatile Caribbean spectators have featured more than once in cricket history's catalogue of crowd disturbances. To be fair, though, the up roar has seldom been directed at visiting sides. Invariably the target has been poor cricket by their own players or what has been considered unsatisfactory umpiring by local officials.

On this historic occasion, any qualms held by the ordinary Jamaican about the South African presence in their midst seemed to have been allayed by their government's approval for the visit. Since Kepler Wessels's players arrived, they have had a good press in this context. Both the print and broadcasting media have stressed how much things have improved in the Republic.

Meanwhile, South Africa hardly lack motivation to perform at their best in the three

WEST INDIES (front): R B Richardson (captain), B C Lara, D L Haynes, K L Arthur, P V Simmons, C L Hooper, W K Bergmann, T D Williams, C E Lambros, M A Thompson, R A Harper, B P Patterson, J C Adams  
SOUTH AFRICA (front): K C Wessels (captain), A P Kupper, F N Kirsten, A C Harwood, W R van der Westhuizen, R S Botha, D J Richardson, R S Botha, A Donald, O Henry, M W Pringle, C J P van Zyl, T Bosch  
Umpires: S Bucknor and G Johnson.

internationals and solitary Test match. The players exude confidence and must be considered favourites in the one-day series, always remembering the lottery that is represented in any limited overs game. In the World Cup South Africa beat West Indies at Christchurch by 14 runs.

Neither side has announced its team. On a bone-hard Sabina Park pitch, West Indies are expected to remain faithful to the four-fast-bowlers ploy, with Simmons, Arthur and Hooper sharing the other 10 overs. David Richardson, the only wicketkeeper in the South African party, was left limping with a badly bruised and swollen foot after being hit in the nets by Donald yesterday. He cannot play. Kirsten would be the next.

Raman Subba Row, former chairman of the Test and County Cricket Board, is the ICC referee. For Jamaica the match is as significant a sporting occasion as any held in this lovely country since the

1966 Commonwealth Games. A 13,000 capacity crowd will be present.

Television revenue will bring the West Indies board some much-needed profit, but, in cricket terms, even some officials have questioned the timing of the South African visit. West Indies should be taking stock after the recent uneven performances, which have followed the wholesale clear-out involving such giants as Richards, Greenidge, Dujon and Marshall.

Several important issues will be resolved by the West Indian board before they undertake an arduous programme in 1992-3. This includes a full Test tour to Australia, a triangular knockout tournament in South Africa, followed by a Test series at home against Pakistan.

Clyde Walcott, the board president, has admitted that the West Indian domestic programme must be revised to include more one-day matches. At the moment the one-day Geddes Grant Shield provides a maximum of three games a season for each territory. A round-robin format to bring in additional fixtures is being considered.

West Indies are also debating whether to appoint a coach. Clive Lloyd or Rohan Kanhai, who has been so successful recently with Jamaica, the Red Stripe Cup winners, are the front runners.



Dressing down: Wessels makes do with the bare essentials for a practice net

## SQUASH RACKETS

## Newton pays penalty

By COLIN MCQUILLAN

THE qualifying rounds of the Hi-Tec British Open championships had scarcely begun at Lamb's Club in London yesterday before the tension of the game's pre-eminent event was explosively displayed in a match won 1-9, 2-9, 9-7, 9-6 by Paul Lord, of Cheshire, over Brett Newton.

Newton, of Australia, was banned for six months last season and is well known for on-court antics that cause officials to refer to him as "Brett" Newton.

Lord, aged 22 and ranked only 19 in England, had heard about Newton's reputation. "But it was worse than I expected," he said after taking match point with the fourth disciplinary conduct point of the encounter.

Newton, ranked No. 28 in the world, began in commanding, if rather obstructive style, against Lord, whose experience has been limited to national league play for Manchester Northern. But Newton attracted a warning from the referee, John Robinson, at 4-4 in the third game for continually throwing down his racket when making let calls. "It will be a stroke every time you do that," Robinson said.

The next one came after a legitimate penalty stroke call at 8-6, giving the game to Lord. There was another warning in the fourth game and three more conduct penalty points in the fifth.

"It was a joke," said Newton, whose supporters were calling for Robinson to give up his badge.

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## Hunter and Rodber drop out of vital league game

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ALTHOUGH there are fewer than three weeks left of the Courage Clubs Championship season, nearly every remaining game is invested with importance, so close are the issues at top and bottom.

The World Cup, which set the league season back two months, has been partially responsible, together with the bad weather which forced the deferral of fixtures in February. One of those takes place this evening, when Northampton meet a battle-weary Leicester at Welford Road — a Leicester side which lost in the semi-finals of the Pilkington Cup at the weekend and without their internationals, Dean Richards and Rory Underwood.

However, Northampton are a go to maintain their

## Favoured Welsh final remains on cards

By OWEN JENKINS

THE draw for the semi-finals of the Schweppes Cup has left the door open for the favoured final between Llanelli, the holders, and Swansea, the Heinlein league leaders.

Llanelli have been drawn against Pontypridd, said: "I am not happy with the situation and players don't want to play on the Monday. Some have work commitments and I would have preferred a neutral ground on the Saturday."

Both matches will be played on the afternoon of Monday, May 4 in a double-header at the National Stadium, at 1.45 and 4 o'clock respectively.

The Welsh Rugby Union's decision to go ahead with this

plan to meet television commitments was not greeted with much satisfaction by clubs or players.

Sam Simon, the president of Pontypridd, said: "I am not happy with the situation and players don't want to play on the Monday. Some have work commitments and I would have preferred a neutral ground on the Saturday."

Ieuan Evans, the Llanelli wing and captain of Wales, said: "Most players would prefer the Saturday. That's what we are used to but we will abide by the decision of the union."

## YACHTING

## Memorable start for Olympic aspirants

FROM BARRY PICKTHALL IN HYÈRES, FRANCE

THE leading Olympic aspirants from Britain enjoyed a memorable opening day at the French pre-Olympic regatta here yesterday after counting four first places, a second and a fourth in this world regatta.

Barrie Edgington and Penny Way gained double victories in the men and women's Olympic windsurfing classes. Russell Peters scored a surprising but well-deserved win in the Soling keelboat class, and last night, Paul Brotherton and Andrew Hemmings capped the day with a runaway win in the second 470 race.

Racing in six to 10-knot winds — typical conditions expected off Barcelona in July

## Nippon crew battles hard for no reward

San Diego: The loss by Nippon to Il Moro di Venezia (Paul Cayard, Italy) in the America's Cup challenger semi-finals off San Diego has all but eliminated the yacht, her skipper, Chris Dickson, concedes (Bob Ross writes).

The ingenuity and persistence of the Japanese crew, with its core of skilled New Zealanders, which allowed Nippon to finish only 1 min 53sec behind Il Moro, despite breaking the main boom six minutes before the start, were outstanding. But with only one win in six races, the end is in sight.

In the defenders' series, America's beat Kanza, skippered by the syndicate head, Bill Koch, by 34 seconds in a close contest.

Chris Law, who has returned to the class after a four-year break to make a last-minute attempt to represent Britain for a second time, finished 36th.

## Wright is quickly back in business

FROM DAVID CHAPPELL IN HONG KONG

IT IS the morning after the weekend before as normal service slowly resumes in Hong Kong following its annual rugby jamboree. But while employers here expect a measured return to work, it was straight back to business for New Zealand's international players.

The dazzling seven-a-side skills of the triumphant Fijians were only partly responsible for the thousands of sore heads among spectators but wholly so for the sore limbs of the defeated All Blacks as they headed home for a hectic season.

Coming four days before the New Zealand trials, the Cathay Pacific Hong Kong invitation sevens has tested the fitness of Terry Wright, whose versatility has made him a fixture in All Black teams at seven- and 15-a-side.

Before the start of a punishing season, Wright is already feeling the pressure. He arrived here protecting a shoulder injury but vain attempts to half the rampaging Fijians was hardly what the doctor ordered.

As an accountant, Wright knows how to balance books. He was forced to come off at half-time in the final on Sunday, with his side well on the way to a 22-6 defeat but with the importance of the centenary season ahead in the back of his mind.

The trial on Thursday kicks off the selection of the side to meet a World XV three times in a week, with the first match on April 18. Wright, aged 29, appreciates the strength of the opposition.

"This will be different, though, because these games have normally been festival matches," he said. "This time, they have been accorded All Black status."

The matches that follow against the Irish touring team will be a prelude to the return of New Zealand's busy international schedule. They go to Australia to play the world champions in the Bledisloe Cup and then embark on a much-awaited tour of South Africa in August.

In all Black trials, the presence of Western Samoan internationals will affect Wright particularly, with the added challenge of Timo Tagaloa for a place on the wing. The contrast between the 15-stone Samoan, who made such an impression in the World Cup, and Wright, an All Black since 1986, could hardly be greater.

The option of playing Wright at full back — to accommodate the likes of Tagaloa, Kirwan and Timu — may be restricted. Lawrie Maina, the new coach, is placing the emphasis on speed and enterprise after the loss of the World Cup and several experienced players have already been omitted.

Rebuilding is also a priority here, with the upgrading of the Government Stadium to a 40,000 all-seat arena that is designed to attract the World Sevens Cup in 1997. The inaugural event takes place in Scotland next April and Wright will figure in the New Zealand plans for that.

He retains a particular affection for the Hong Kong sevens but he must first shoulder the burden of expectation as replacements than regular first teamers. However, each has played a key role in the 15-man team game used by Monie as Wigan have

## MOTOR RACING

## Mansell's win is soured by seeds of doubt

FROM NORMAN HOWELL IN SÃO PAULO

NIGEL Mansell, Riccardo Patrese and the Williams team have every reason to purr with contentment over the fledgling grand prix season. Three wins for Mansell; three second places for Patrese. The perfect start.

Yet the first signs of unrest, the first grumblings of discontent, have already emerged in the Williams camp. Patrese is clearly disturbed by the manner of Mansell's victory in the Brazilian grand prix on Sunday.

For the second time this season, the Italian made a faster start than Mansell. But unlike the South African grand prix, in which he was immediately overtaken by his team-mate, Patrese stayed ahead until he had to make a pit-stop for a tyre change.

"Until then, I was holding him off," Patrese said. "It wasn't easy but I was managing to stay ahead. After the tyre change, things started going wrong with my car, so I gave up the chase and settled for second."

Privately, Patrese was upset that Mansell made his pit-stop first. He felt it gave Mansell a considerable advantage and lost him the race.

Yet Williams say both drivers had agreed that Mansell should come in first. "It was a team decision," Peter Windsor, the team manager, said.

One driver is assigned a "window" — say between the 22nd and 28th laps — and if he chooses to stay out longer, then the other driver has the right to choose when to come in. It appears that when Patrese allowed his "window" to pass, Mansell decided to come in.

Patrese must have felt that, without Mansell harassing him, he could have lowered his lap time and set up a cushion for him to change tyres and still stay ahead of a

McLaren.

## RUGBY LEAGUE

## Wigan dominates GB tour party

By KEITH MACKLIN

WIGAN will send a complete team of 13 players on the summer tour of Australasia, and if Botica, Bell and Panapa had not been New Zealanders would no doubt have sent their complete first team squad. Malcolm Reilly, the Great Britain coach, yesterday announced 32 names for the tour of Papua New Guinea, Australia and New Zealand, and the record Wigan contingent is a tribute to, and recognition of, Wigan's world-beating form of the past six seasons under first Graham Lowe, and now John Monie.

The Central Park representatives who would only require two substitutes from other clubs to turn out en masse in a tour game, are Edwards, Gregory, Hampson, Lydon, Offiah, Peacock, Phillips, Sutcliffe, Tandy and Walker. The two surprising choices, although Wigan club officials are not surprised in the least, are the hitherto uncapped forwards, Billy McGinty and Neil Cowie, who were signed at the start of the season from Western Samoa. They go to Australia to play the world champions in the Bledisloe Cup and then embark on a much-awaited tour of South Africa in August.

The Wigan record tally of 13 touring players is five more than the previous record of eight, by Wigan, in 1950.

Ellery Hall, formerly of Wigan and now with Leeds, will captain the party with Gary Schofield as vice-captain. Among those disappointed at their omission are the Featherstone Rovers scrum-half, Deryck Fox, and the Warrington backs, David Lyon and Allan Bateman. Lyon toured New Zealand in 1990, and Bateman and Fox played against France in this season's internationals.

Ian Lucas broke his wrist in Wigan's game at Featherstone but is expected to be fit to tour.

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# Liverpool want to be in Europe for Souness



By STUART JONES  
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

FOR the second time in four seasons, winning the FA Cup has become a crusade for Liverpool.

In 1989 their Wembley triumph was dedicated to the 95 supporters who lost their lives in the Hillsborough tragedy. Now a campaign has been launched on behalf of their manager, Graeme Souness.

As Souness prepared to undergo triple heart bypass surgery, Ronnie Moran, his temporary successor at Anfield, yesterday declared the club's intentions. "We must try and give Graeme something to come back to," Moran said. "We must guarantee that he returns to a club

involved in European football next season."

The only possible route, through the Cup Winners' Cup, was all but blocked by Portsmouth at Highbury on Sunday. Liverpool equalised three minutes from the end of a protracted and dramatic semi-final which might have been designed to promote a cardiac arrest.

Considering the revelation which was to follow, Souness's reaction to Whelan's goal was even more remarkable. Unable to contain his emotion, he ran on to the pitch punching the air before sinking to his knees.

Nor did his demeanour during the press conference afterwards carry the slightest

hint of apprehension. Yet David Moores, the Liverpool chairman, revealed yesterday that all had not been well with Souness recently. "He hasn't been feeling quite right for some time," Moores said, "and he's been a little concerned."

At the age of 38, Souness is the youngest manager in the first division, but he will have suspected that coronary trouble might lie ahead. The disease is hereditary, and his father had to undergo similar surgery three years ago.

A week short of his first anniversary as the Liverpool manager, Souness knew of his impending operation on Thursday after a routine medical had shown that his arteries were dangerously

narrow. He chose to keep the information from his staff until after the semi-final.

Moran, who also acted as the caretaker after Kenny Dalglish's equally unexpected departure, was "shocked, because he has shown no ailments during training".

"A fitness fanatic, he is always down at the training ground first thing in the morning. He goes on runs and sometimes trains with the squad," Moran said.

When they were told during the journey back from North London, the players were no less startled. Initially they imagined that Souness was joking, but Moores understood the gravity of the illness. "It is serious," he said, "but I know his character.

He's a fighter and he'll be back with all guns blazing."

Don Howe has demonstrated that rehabilitation

can be complete. Three years after undergoing the same operation, he actively works with his Coventry City squad and insists that after practice

his powers of recovery are

unimpaired. He, too, expects

Souness to be able to resume

at the start of next season.

Yet the strain inherent

within the job was too much

for Dalglish. Those who doubted the plausibility of his reason for resigning may care to revise their opinion.

Dalglish and Souness have

personal experience of the toll

that can be taken. Both repre-

sented Scotland under Jack

Stein, who suffered a fatal

heart attack in the closing

minutes of a decisive World

Cup qualifying tie in Cardiff

in 1985.

Tony Barton survived a

massive attack the previous

year. The former Aston Villa

manager was in Highbury's

press box on Sunday and was

able to empathise with

Souness. "You could see his

relief," he said. "That was the

pressure coming out."

"I can understand the pres-

sure he's been under. Liver-

pool's season has been

disappointing by their stand-

ards and the bigger the club

the bigger the pressure. It

gets to you on match days and

during games. People don't

realise that managers can't

enjoy games. If your team

loses, you can be out of a job."

Souness, though under no such threat at Anfield, has already paid a high price. His marriage soured three years ago when he was in charge at Rangers. The club he left partly because he wanted to spend more time with his three young children, who live with his estranged wife in southern England.

Liverpool's thoughts are with him now as they prepare for seven fixtures in 18 days including Monday's semi-final replay at Villa Park.

"You never know, Graeme may be able to lead us out at Wembley," Moran said. "It is up to the specialist, but I know how much he would love that."

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Football strike averted by improved offer

## Premier League chairmen step back from brink

By PETER BALL

THE Premier League has stepped back from the brink. At their meeting at Lancaster Gate yesterday morning, the 22 first division club chairmen unanimously agreed to make a "revised offer" to the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA).

The decision was enough to put the PFA's threatened industrial action on hold, ensuring that the Rumbelows Cup final between Manchester United and Nottingham Forest on Sunday and the FA Cup semi-final replay between Liverpool and Portsmouth on Monday can go ahead.

After the threats of closing the game down last week, and ultimatums about final offers, the first division chairmen were in a more conciliatory mood yesterday. "Everybody wanted a settlement. There was no hint of confrontation in the air," Rick Parry, the chief executive of the Premier League, said. "We have moved some way because of the over-riding need to reach a settlement."

The Premier League re-think came a moment too soon. In the afternoon, Gordon Taylor, the chief ex-

ecutive of the PFA, announced the result of the strike ballot of first division players. As expected, it gave him a mandate for industrial action with a majority of over 90 per cent.

The 594 first division players were asked three questions. Would they refuse to play in live television matches until the cameras were removed? Would they refuse to play in all television matches until the cameras were removed? Would they take part in a strike on April 18?

The response was over-

whelming. A total of 548

supported the first proposal. 549 the second, and 534 were prepared to strike. "I never thought Gordon Taylor was bluffing about a strike," Parry said.

Taylor, as he stood on the steps of the PFA's Manchester headquarters, flanked by the chairman, Brian Marwood, the PFA committee members, Colin Gibson and Clive Baker, and his deputy, Brendan Batson, said: "It is particularly gratifying to the PFA, its chairman and its officers that there should be such support. In the last few hours, we have received an improved offer from the Premier League and we are giving it serious consideration."

"As a result of the improved offer, and in a spirit of goodwill because we know that supporters, police and the players want to make their plans, no action will be taken which could possibly affect the Rumbelows Cup final and the FA Cup semi-final replay."

Taylor again stressed yesterday that the dispute was not simply about the percentage the PFA would receive from the television contract, but that has hitherto been an important sticking point.

There is little doubt that the "final offer" of five per cent, with a minimum guarantee of £1 million, made by Sir John Quinton, the chairman of the Premier League, ten days ago, has now been improved significantly.

The players had asked for ten per cent of their entitlement in the present Football League contract. If that figure has not been reached, a formula giving five or seven-and-a-half per cent up to £10 million, with a minimum guarantee of £1.5 million, and ten per cent thereafter, may be acceptable.

There is still some negotiating to be done and the two chief executives expect to meet within the next few days to begin to finalise the agreement. "It would be totally wrong to say it is settled," Taylor warned. "But things are coming closer together."

Speed remains essential. With the PFA's mandate from the ballot expiring in 28 days, they will want to have things virtually finalised well before then.

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Taylor: gratified



Know what he means: Bruno looks on yesterday while his promoter, Mickey Duff, makes a point

## Bruno closes in on title shot

By SRIKUMAR SEN  
BOXING CORRESPONDENT

FRANK Bruno could be in a position to challenge for the world heavyweight title by the end of this year. His big chance would come as a result of the match with Pierre Coetzer, of South Africa, the World Boxing Association No. 1 and International Boxing Federation No. 2 contender, in September, in London.

A victory over Coetzer would make Bruno the No. 1 challenger for Evander Holyfield's title. As Holyfield has not yet made a mandatory defence, his camp would almost certainly find Bruno an ideal opponent. Bruno would have had only three contests since his defeat by Mike Tyson in 1989.

Bruno's promoter, Mickey Duff, said yesterday: "I have virtually agreed terms with Coetzer's manager, Cedric Kushner, for Coetzer to box here in London some time in September. A victory will get Bruno the approval of at least two of the world bodies. Bruno would leap-frog over all of

the other contenders, including Lennox Lewis. I have no hesitation in saying he is jumping the queue. That's common practice in boxing."

Before the year is out Bruno will be involved in discussions with Holyfield's people for a title bout some time in the first half of 1993, January or February. The bout would be held either at Wembley Arena or Earls Court.

Duff said television would generate around £2 million gross.

"Bruno is far more marketable to Americans than anyone this side of the

Atlantic," Duff said. "He can generate so much money there's no one to touch him this side."

Bruno, who received letters from anti-apartheid groups the last time he boxed a South African, Gerrie Coetzer, in 1986, was relieved that sports barriers against South Africa are being lifted. "I find it an exciting prospect," Bruno said. "The South Africans are in Jamaica for cricket, so that opens the door."

Coetzer, who has had 38 contests and lost two 11 months ago outpointed Jose

Akinwande, a lightweight by comparison at 16

stone.

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weigh in at 16 stone for

Ribalta, the New York-based Cuban, whom Bruno will be meeting on April 22 at Wembley Arena.

Bruno has been preparing

for Ribalta at a health farm in

Leicester. He has been through eight sparring partners

since coming here a month ago. Yesterday, he

went six rounds — two rounds

each with three sparring partners.

David "Bigfoot" Johnson,

weighing 20 stone,

James Morton, 17st 2lb, and

the leading contender for the

British heavyweight title,

Henry Akinwande, a light-

weight by comparison at 16

stone.

Bruno, who expects to

weigh in at 16 stone for

Ribalta, looked more heavily

muscled than before, but

moved smoothly about the

ring to catch the nimble

Akinwande with some good

shots, especially hooks to the

body, blows that looked good

enough to stop Ribalta.

"Ribalta is a tall, tricky,

strongish sort of fighter but if

I hit him on the chin I'll

knock him out," Bruno said.

"I'm not on overtime so if I

see an opening I'll take it."

FROM MITCHELL PLATTS  
GOLF CORRESPONDENT  
IN AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

SANDY Lyle is making Masters history here this week because he has been granted permission to take his wife, Johnnie, who is caddying for him into the Augusta National clubhouse.

The rules and regulations at Augusta are so strict that no caddie has entered the clubhouse during the 56 years of the tournament.

The caddies at the Masters are provided with boiler-suits, plimsolls and baseball-style caps with the Augusta logo.

Lyle decided earlier this year to employ his wife rather than a professional caddie. Dave Musgrave caddied for Lyle for ten years during which time he won the Open Championship (1985) and the Masters (1988). Most observers believe that Lyle is making a mistake by having a professional caddie at his side, especially on the testing Augusta course.

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**WELSH NATIONAL OPERA:** The highlight of the company's spring season is a new production of Debussy's *Pelléas et Mélisande*, conducted by Pierre Boulez and produced by Peter Sellars with Alison Hagley (Mélisande), Neil Anchell (Pelléas) and Donald Maxwell (Golaud). The production is performed in Birmingham this week, together with Mozart's *The Magic Flute* and the Verd opera, *Ernani*.

**Hippodrome:** St Augustine's Band, Bristol (0272 299444), eve, 7.15pm.

**ADVENTURES IN MOTION PICTURES:** The company, recently nominated for an Oliver award, presents the first London showing of Matthew Bourne's latest dance-work, a full-length "double-bill" created by the dramatic career of Alfred Hitchcock. The production opens with a gala benefit for Crucial tonight. Presented as part of the Spring Loaded Festival.

The Place, 1727a, 16th Road, London WC1 (071-387 0031), eve, 8pm.

**LIVING WORD:** After a run of exhibitions representing the wider scope of avant-gardism, the Whitechapel Art Gallery return to history. The "Influence of Religion" comes in the form of sculptures from south India, produced by a living tradition and all of quite recent, indeed ancient, design: the central image is a seated, stylized, and finely生存 from earlier than the 18th century. Moreover, this is a folk tradition, often coarsely carved and garishly coloured, and therefore long obscured by the layers of serious attention that have accrued to Whitechapel Art Gallery.

Whitechapel Art Gallery, Whitechapel High Street, London E1 (0171-377 0107), Tues-Sun, 11am-5pm.

**BERNARD LEADHAM: 1895-1992:** One of the National Portrait Gallery's generous biographical exhibitions this time linked with the publication of Michael Holroyd's much-praised biography, this showing of an era can be seen for the first time. New figures of the 20th century apart from dictators have been so

**ANGELS IN AMERICA:** Strong performances in Tony Kushner's longish political drama, *Angels in America*, by Alison Lohman (Coriolanus), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 5252) Tonight-Thurs, 7.30pm, mat. Thurs, 2.30pm, 21.10pm.

**THE COTTON CLUB:** An impression of the 1920s' speakeasy lifestyle: high on energy, low on atmosphere. *The Cotton Club*, Aldeburgh, The Aldeburgh, WC2 (071-856 6040), Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm, mat. Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm, 15.10pm.

**THE DARK RIVER:** A complicated reworking of Richard III's 1937 drama, revised and now set in an England drifting towards war. *The Dark River*, Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633), Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat. Sat, 4pm, 16.15pm.

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# How Elizabethans pit their wits

## THEATRE

An exhibition at the Museum of London sheds new light on how theatregoers behaved in the 16th century. Joseph Williams reports

**W**est End theatre productions are too long and too slow. At least, the Elizabethans would have thought so. Their plays were performed in two hours with no interval, and live theatre was as popular as bear-baiting and cock-fighting. Shakespeare and Marlowe were safe commercial options, attracting all classes of society from groundlings to lords.

With the Museum of London set to unveil a model of the Rose Theatre, based on excavations of the site in 1988, the handful of artefacts discovered — and now displayed with the model — offer a tantalising glimpse into history. A shingle from the stage roof, a scabbard, a leather shoe, a baluster: not much else. But the actor playing Faustus might have looked at that shingle, or that baluster, as his eyes rolled upwards to seek divine salvation.

His audience might have been on the edge of their benches, except most of them were standing anyway. It is awe-inspiring to think that ordinary people stood in the streaming rain, in freezing conditions, many giving up a whole day's wages, just to hang upon the words of a dramatic genius. Only a few streets away, mastiffs were tearing apart maddened and blinded bears in pits, goaded by illiterate oafs. Further on, at Tyburn, near Marble Arch, there were public executions. Everywhere was the stench of open sewers.

But the theatre was every bit as frenetic and dynamic as a bullfight. Rows of jostling, chattering, laughing characters filled the audience from fiery Tybalt and snark-guzzling Falstaffs to war-covered Calibans. Apple cores and orange peel were routinely flung at bad actors, adding zest to the occasion.

## RADIO REVIEW

### If you think that's funny

**A**s someone who nearly lost his Eleven Plus because of the Goons and his life because of a particularly silly moment in *Who's Line Is It Anyway?* (I was in the fast lane of the M1 at the time), I would like to testify to the beguiling power of radio comedy.

Without the sometimes smirking obligation to talk to pictures, radio comedy can be faster, pottier, wittier and more ambitious than television often allows, and you need only look at some of the shows which have transferred from one medium to the other to prove it.

*After Henry and Second Time Around* both lost an element of pace when they gained the element of vision, and *Who's Line* and *The Mary Whitehouse Experience* were even sharper when the performers had only to think and talk, without worrying about hitting marks on the studio floor or remembering to shave before going to work.

Radio comedy can also be ruder: anybody old enough to remember *Round the Horne* will know that Kenneth Williams and Hugh Paddick got away with outrageous filth simply by saying it quickly. It is heartening to report that, even in this timid and over-regulated new world, radio comedy is still allowed a few naughty bits.

Not that *Bull!* (Radio 5 Friday) has any of the seedy sophistication of *Round the Horne*. It's an *I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue* for the Doc Marten generation, and at its worst (about 60 per cent of the first show) *Bull!* found the inimitables of Willie Rushton and John Wells to be less subtle than their elders and often lost for words — the right ones anyway.

At its best, however, *Bull!* is going to be exuberant, edgy and blissfully outspoken and if radio is to keep its reputation as the best comedy club in town, programmes such as *Bull!* should be protected, and Radio 5 should be congratulated for growing up fast enough to accommodate it.

If you crave a good old-

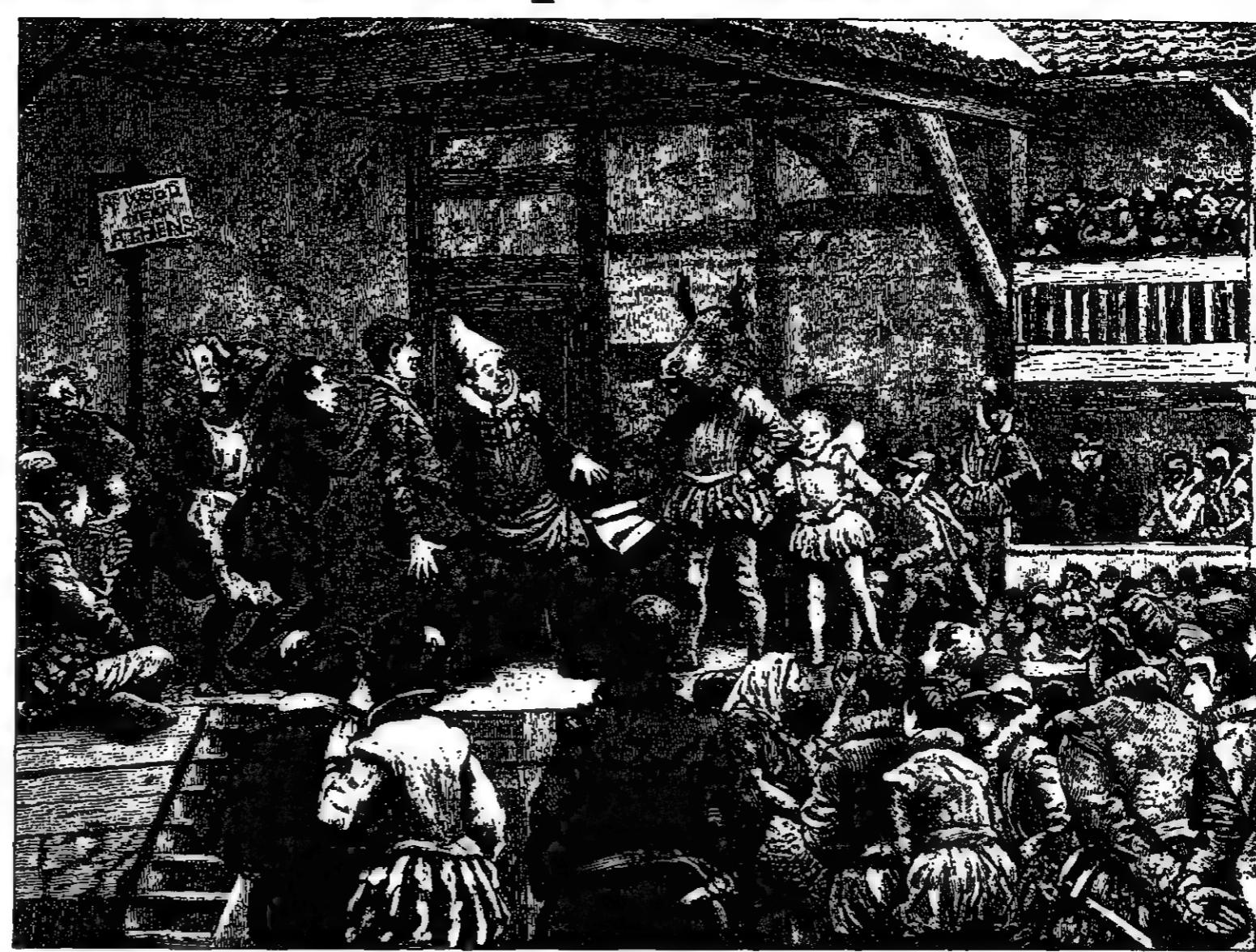


Ronnie Barker: his comedy style was analysed in the first of Radio 2's series *Funny That Way* (Saturdays)

fashioned laugh, though, seek out *Funny That Way* (Radio 2, Saturday), in which Barry Cryer pulls off that simplest of successful tricks — shovelling the best of a comedian's material into a nostalgic half-hour and letting us get on with a happy wail. There are 13 comics in the series (Groucho Marx got the treatment last Saturday and Joyce Grenfell comes next) but it began with Ronnie Barker, a man who could double an entendre with the best of them.

**W**hat strikes you most about Barker's routines now are their pace and polish — a confident sickness which is almost as unfashionable these days as his occasional sexism. Comedians don't do jokes about women's chests any more, but Barker came from a simpler age, when women were girls, men were allowed to ogle them, and the purpose of comedy was sometimes to notice the difference. You don't have to agree, but you really do have to laugh.

We were also, according to the blurb, meant to laugh at the "characteristically amus-



Groundlings installed: an Elizabethan playhouse during *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, by H.M. Paget. Mary Evans Picture Library

civil war in 1642, and the Puritan suppression of all theatres, about nine playhouses were operating in London, the most famous of which was the Globe, built in 1599, where Shakespeare's greatest tragedies premiered.

The Rose was a typical playhouse unroofed, except for the galleries and a canopy called the heavens — "freted with golden fire" — which overlay the stage on pillars. Here, Edward Alleyn brought to life Marlowe's big magic roles.

He had no curtain, virtually no painted scenery, and few props. An audience watching

a Shakespearian comedy knew that a scene was set in Illyria or the Forest of Arden only because a character immediately told them so in the lines.

**A**udiences were on the ball: much more used to listening and imagining than today's visually-orientated spectators. Today, we like to see trees on stage for our Forest of Arden, and then we complain if they look unreal. For Elizabethans, the richness of the language alone turned a court scene into a forest, or day into night, or joy into despair.

Theatre was a means of communication," says Rosemary Weinstein, curator of

post-medieval London history at the Museum of London. "Plays were very topical, full of information and news, and for illiterate Londoners there were few places to learn what was going on."

The audience was certainly sprinkled with curpurses and sojourning harlots, but most people came to see the play. Unlike today, new plays and new writers were virtually guaranteed large audiences, unless bouts of plague closed all of London's theatres.

"We should feel no guilt about leaving before the inter-

val in a dull and meretricious modern production. Perhaps we should be armed with rotten apple cores, just in case?"

Certainly, the thrill of standing in rows at the last night of the Proms, or even giggling and munching popcorn at the movies, gets closer to the spirit of Renaissance theatre than the awkward silence that can descend, pall-like, on modern West End audiences.

• The Rose Theatre model forms part of a permanent display — Tudor and Stuart Theatre — to be seen from today at the Museum of London, London Wall, EC2 471-600, 3699. Open daily except Mondays.

## ARTS BRIEF

### Higher digits

DIGITAL Equipment Company, one of Britain's biggest sponsors of the arts, has announced an increased commitment to the arts this year. Spending will rise to £500,000 from last year's £500,000, with dance continuing to take the lion's share. The Digital Dance Awards are worth £130,000 in 1992; the company is sponsoring English National Ballet's new production of *Cinderella*, which premieres in Southampton on April 29; and there is a new production of the Dickens classic *A Christmas Carol*, set to a Carl Davis score, due this autumn for Northern Ballet Theatre.

### About Ackland

THE silvery tones of Sir John Gielgud will be heard next Sunday at the Orange Tree Theatre in Richmond, remembering Rodney Addinall, who died last year. There will also be reminiscences of the dramatist from Francis King, Hilary Spurling and others, and extracts from several of his plays, including *The Dark River*, now playing at the Orange Tree.

### Not rock?

BLACKPOOL is launching a jazz festival. It is to be held in July in the city's Winter Gardens, better known for hosting



Ray Charles: he may be coming to Blackpool

party-political spectacles in the autumn. The festival is promising a lineup which includes both jazz and blues performers and among those already pencilled in are B.B. King, Ray Charles, Lionel Hampton, Cab Calloway, Robert Flack, Nina Simone, Georgie Fame, Alan Price, Mari Wilson and George Melly. The Blackpool Jazz Festival will open on July 9.

### Last chance ...

EDWARD Bond's *The Sea* has a humanity and humour missing in his more recent work, and Sam Mendes's revival at the National can also boast a fine performance from Dame Judi Dench. She brings inborn arrogance and genteel aggression to the role of an Edwardian lady of the manor, but also a touching regret for the years she has squandered on bullying her social underlings. Final performance is at the Lyceum (071-928 2252) on Thursday.

## CLASSICAL MUSIC

### Showbiz, but with restraint

**W**ith a spruce baroque flourish of the Royal Philharmonic's solo trumpet, the José Carreras event was upon us. In the sold-out Albert Hall, stage management was all. The opening of Alessandro Scarlatti's "Giulio, sole dal Gange" was matched by the evening's finale. In a cringe, but effective *coup de théâtre*, a little erratum slip removed Tosif's "L'ultima canzone" from its original place in the programme, freeing Carreras to interpret its meaning literally and gloriously by restoring it as his final encore.

For such an occasion, of course, the encores are inevitably equal in both number and importance to the programme itself. And more so than ever this time. As if deliberately to tone down the big arena showmanship of the event, Carreras had started soberly and had started as he meant to go on. Stradella's "Piedi signore" was etched austere in fine.

What was really wanted, though, was the Granada and the Sorrento of the encores, the "Cara mia" addressed fervently to the flesha-throwing front row. Poor Stefania Tocyska more than adequately filled the spaces in between, her Polish mezzo soprano surging valiantly through "Printemps qui commerce" and "Stride la vampa". *Elio Boncompagni* conducted.

At the Festival Hall the next

day, the great Kurt Masur

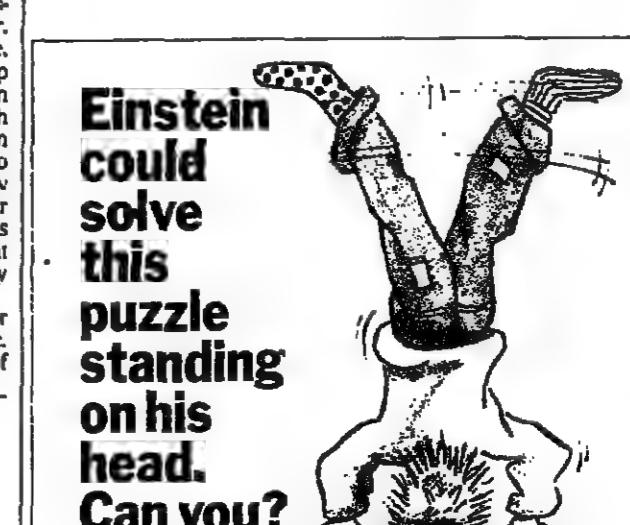
conducted for the soprano Kathleen Battle. Saturday's London Philharmonic concert represented a true and proper meeting of musical minds.

**L**ondon is at present basking in the presence of Masur: first there were Strauss's *Four Last Songs* with Julia Varady; now, in no less enriching partnership, four of the composer's orchestral songs with Battle. Masur, as accompanist supreme, moulded the LPO as damp clay. Battle's voice in turn became, wonderfully, both flame and a child's perception of flame in the fireside cameo "Amor". She dared a slow "Wiegenlied" with Masur guiding his mohr-like violins minutely away from the heat of the tempo, before a finely balanced "Morgen".

Earlier, Battle had sung four orchestral songs by Duparc. Flanking the vocal centre of

the evening were two orchestral pieces for the LPO's Diaghilev series. One of them, as it happens, bypassed the impresa at its premiere, and the other was rejected by him. Never mind, Masur and the LPO more than justified their performances of Stravinsky's suite from *The Fairy's Kiss* and Prokofiev's *Sylvia's Suite*.

• HILARY FINCH



## TELEVISION REVIEW

### Glossing our glossolalia

**I**nguistics, though fascinating, is not the most visual of subjects. If it's pictures you want, grammar rates slightly lower than algebra and marginal tax rates. Nevertheless, BBC 2's *Horizon* made a characteristically brave and intelligent effort to tackle it last night in *Before Babylon*.

Professor Dennett argued that Descartes was wrong to "think therefore he was", and that we are made up of a billion electrical circuits, each one storing a scrap of information which, if added up in a certain way, produces the essential You. Add them up in another way and you get a different You. Add them up in a third way and you get the essential Someone Else, who might only exist in the perception of another heap of circuits inside the body of another person who thinks they are someone else too. If that means that while one conscious entity is sitting here writing a radio review, somewhere in another part of this body another person is reading the papers or (for all I know) walking to the pub, I really do have to understand that.

The programme explored the latest work on the wild frontiers of linguistics that tries to trace all the 5,000 languages that exist today, and the many thousands more that have died. Back to a single common mother language somewhere between 10,000 and 100,000 years ago. Back to *Genesis* 11, in fact, where the Lord declares, jealously: "Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language that they may not understand one another's speech." It seems unkind. The name for this hypothetical

cal great-grandmother of all languages is proto-nostric, from the Latin *nostris*: native or indigenous, produced in our country. The idea that language rippled outwards by agricultural dispersal, rather than by mass migration or conquest is new, and more controversial than the programme hinted. But it is persuasive. And if you are in the lingo business, you can hunt it backwards down the millennia, recording the systematic similarities in grammar of languages.

You will bump into some remarkable similarities on your way, with fundamental words such as *one* and *two*, and *milk* and *water*, which can be thought to sound alike in every language under the wandering moon. You will bump into some remarkable discrepancies, such as Euskera, the language of the Basques, which suggests that they were the original inhabitants of Europe, long before we later immigrants from the Middle East arrived. Basque shepherds still ad lib alternate couples of verse, as in *Theocritus*.

If you want to believe in a single source for the original

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# Birds and the bewildered



Sex education has moved from behind the bike shed into the family home. **Jonathon Green** gives it a whirl

Come any birthday, the head of my elder son's nursery school, an expat white South African of impeccable liberalism, would sit the tines down, and ritualistically intone the child's life to date. Which meant going back to mummy, daddy and the nuptial couch and letting it all hang out. The full tour d'horizon: foreplay, erection, penetration, intercourse, sperm, ova, fertilisation, the growing embryo and finally birth itself.

There were many birthdays and, picking up one's child, the odds were that one would stumble on a circle of rising fours slightly nonplussed as yet again they had been told. "Then your daddy put his penis into your mummy's vagina." It was not until later that my son explained that their confusion stemmed from the fact that daddy, having put his penis in, never apparently, since no such reference was included, took it out.

Ask any agony aunt or uncle: we may have had the so-called sexual revolution, we may have had 20 years of gender politics, and we are certainly crotch-diluted in the most serious sexually transmitted disease since the discovery of Salvarsan put paid to syphilis, but when it comes to the plain old facts about sex we're still back in the dark ages.

Sex education of the young, those taking sexuality on board for the first time, remains a problem. Not as to availability — the shelves are crammed with audio-visual aids, all geared to getting the message across, and a pretty explicit message it can be — but far more in the realms of embarrassment. And while most of us do find out what's what at school, what we actually take on board is the playground than in the classroom. It may be better — or at least less painful — than a wincing teacher, but peer group misinformation leaves gaps.

To counter some of this, and

minimise the embarrassment factor, the Family Planning Association (FPA) has released three 16-page pamphlets as part of the new series entitled *Growing Up*. They include "Sexuality" aimed at teens, "How Your Body Changes" for eight to twelve-year-olds, and for parents, "Answering Your Child's Questions", aimed four-square at breaching the communications barrier.

What the FPA want is "to encourage and equip parents to become better sex educators". In short, to get away from the playground and put the emphasis on parental rather than teacherly guidance. This may sound like yet another item that, like the extracurricular purchase of books, falls into the category of "get the parents to do the work", but to the FPA it's making them "the primary source" of sex education. It's from parents, not teachers or peers, that the information should come: facts on masturbation, wet dreams, periods, Aids and the rest.

Good solid stuff, although, as usual, naughty old hedonism is shoved firmly into the back seat and sex is looked at not primarily as a source of pleasure but as one of problems. That should please traditionalists, the more extreme of whom loathe the whole idea anyway, but the

FPA's suggestion that parents should start sex education "earlier rather than later" will set hackles rising. As ever, it's that old bluster "What you don't know won't hurt you" going one on one with the young commander, "Say it out loud, my body's changing and I'm proud".

The FPA opts for the latter and, in "How Your Body Changes", they lay it all on the line. The enquiring eight to twelve-year-old can check out pubic and other body hair, genital size, erections, periods, ovaries and the like. Whether the younger end of the audience will really understand much of this remains debatable. Indeed, between acne, body odour, unprecedented weight gain, and a variety of hitherto unappreciated bodily fluids, the impressionable eight-year-old might well choose to stick with Peter Pan as a role model. No matter, the book is simple and it clearly answers the questions it chooses to pose.

"Sexuality" geared to teenagers, is the logical successor, taking in HIV and Aids, contraception, a mini glossary (orgasm, oral sex, bisexual, etc), abortion and a variety of questions and answers from *Just 17* magazine's agony uncle. And, like its

junior, "Sexuality" stresses everybody's sexual autonomy: "Your body belongs to you. Don't let anyone make you do anything you don't really want to."

The pamphlet is, and once again it requires minimal effort to hear the old alarm bells peeling out, staunchly non-judgmental and morally all very state of the art — masturbation does no harm, sexual preference is strictly up to the individual.

For every "sex is fun, sexuality is good", though, there's a warning, however liberal. Just because you can, doesn't mean you have to...

"Answering Your Child's Questions" essentially encapsulates the material offered in its companions; where it differs is in sections on communication, and the concomitant embarrassment. There's no doubt among the experts, and this pamphlet underlines it, the more open your attitudes to sex in the family, the better will be your children's ability to deal with their own developing maturity.

So supportive, so informative, as deal as much with the positive as the dysfunctional side of sex, and above all don't be embarrassed. Defeated, an inadequate father, I repair to a much less respectable catechism. "Is sex dirty?" Woody Allen asks. I relax in his answer: "Yes, if it's done right."

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## Sowing the regional seeds of nursery school discontent

House-movers are counting the cost of patchy pre-school provision

There are three things which matter when considering where to live, estate agents say: location, location and location.

Location matters in well publicised ways such as access to public transport, shopping and good secondary schools, but also in less publicised ways too. Chief among these is access to nursery education, too often forgotten by the parent considering the virtues of a particular house.

The availability of nursery school places varies wildly across London, for example. While Merton, Hounslow and Haringey top the league, providing nursery education for more than 70 per cent of three and four-year-olds; Westminster, Kensington and Chelsea, and Bexley languish near the bottom. Worst of all is Bromley, with places for only 17.7 per cent.

The national average of 47.9 per cent of children in nursery school compares with 95 per cent in Belgium and France, and 65 to 75 per cent in Germany, according to the Association of London Authorities.

For those opting for private education, the question might seem academic. But even those who have the money may resent fees of up to £2,000, especially when there is no proof that private nursery education is better than the state alternative.

"There is no way of knowing because there are no tests at that age," says Ralph Lavender from the National Association for Primary Education. "So it is very annoying for parents to have to fork out."

In certain parts of the country they have no choice. Sue Dudley, a teacher and the mother of Thomas, aged three, and Sophia, aged eight months, lives in Gerrards Cross in Buckinghamshire, where she has yet to find any state nursery schools.

Instead, Ms Dudley is considering a nursery school which is part of a pre-prep school, which charges £50 a week. At £1,750 a year, while still cheaper than the other

local nursery which would have charged £175 for her two children, this is the sort of sum which could topple finely balanced calculations on mortgage repayments.

"When we moved to the area we didn't give it a thought," Ms Dudley says. "I suppose it was stupid. One investigates quite closely every other decision and how much it will cost, or the cost of decorating. But children are one area where one has a rosy glow. You don't have to have children because of the costs."

The provision of state-run nursery education would make a huge difference, she says. "One is comparing having to pay thousands of pounds, or getting nothing at the moment."

People in Redbridge, where only 28.7 per cent of children find nursery places, recount tales of parents failing addresses to get their children into the rare local schools which exist.

The Labour party's manifesto

says they would be music to such parents' ears, if only it were to have an impact in time for their children. The commitment to provide a nursery education for all three and four-year-olds whose parents want it, by the year 2000, is a central plank of the party's educational reforms.

In the manifesto Labour says they would make sure that local councils use the money they receive for nursery education to create new places. "We will also switch the £50 million funds earmarked for the Conservatives' failed City Technology College programme to increasing the numbers of places in nursery education."

The Liberal Democrats' manifesto matches Labour's commitment, promising parents a "pre-school educational experience for their child from the age of three. We would place a statutory obligation on local education authorities to ensure that this entitlement is met through nursery provision and where parents prefer by pre-school playgroups."

Nursery education rates

only a passing reference in the Conservative party manifesto, however. "We will continue to encourage the provision of nursery places by local education authorities, the voluntary and independent sectors."

Pending such changes, it is hard for parents to know which areas are best for nur-

ery education. London's varied nursery figures were provided in a written answer to a parliamentary question in December. But there are no nationwide figures.

By law, education must be provided for children once they are five. Most begin school in the term following

## Danger: child on, bored

How to survive a long holiday journey without wanting to murder your nearest and dearest

**S**chool holidays are upon us, and everything eggs us on to take an Easter break, to get away from it all. But if you have children, you never can, entirely. Unlike the other accumulated treasures of life, you are obliged to take them with you when you go.

While the child-free may let their imaginations be transported to the pastures pleasures of a day in Bournemouth, weekend in Paris or ten days in Antibes, those with children have to concentrate their minds on the journey. Trains and boats and planes — transports of delight for some, vehicles of despair for others.

Most journeys will at least begin with a car journey. Curious that so many pit-stops are provided en route for your car, which was designed to cover long distances, yet for small children, whose design for travelling even short distances is defective, there are few facilities.

At every other traffic light, young entrepreneurs with bucket and wiper blade will leap out and insist on a valet service for your front window, but who offers similar attentions to your children? In fact, there's no swifter way to repel such unwanted advances than by suggesting that they forget about the windscreens and whilst their chummy over the sticky baby in the back.

You may be lucky. Perhaps you've spawned the sort of offspring that is instantly lulled into sleep by the motion of a car. Car advertisements already feature babies lulled into sleep by smooth suspension; no doubt it will shortly be part of the specification: this model will put a baby to sleep in 60 seconds.

But you might own the other version, the sort of child who, two lamp-posts from home, will start asking, "Is it Britain yet?" "Can we see the sea?" "Are we nearly at grandma's house?" Periodically a trolley will be wheeled up the aisle, tempting your children with displays of laser and flapjacks. Perhaps, like attempting to travel through the "wrong kind of snow", I have always travelled with the wrong kind of children.

Perhaps your Easter journey includes an aero-plane flight. Fine for small babies if a flight cot is provided, and fine for older children who can memorise the emergency procedures leaflet, play 'hunt the life-jacket' and alarm other passengers by trying to open the windows. The worst option is travelling with under-twos, who may not be allocated a seat of their own. You will then have paid up to 80 per cent of the airfare in order to have your infant lashed by special lap-strap around your middle like a marsupial.

Anyhow, someone will soon be coming round with elevenses or high tea on a tray. Whatever time of day you travel, my children have observed, there is always pink meat, Spam and coleslaw, bacon and tinned tomatoes, smoked turkey and what's-it-mummy Russian salad.

For journeys in planes or trains or cars I know of only one solution — extra luggage. Get each child to pack its own bag of entertainments, let them explain to customs why they're importing 13 Sylvanian families.

Until someone invents a viable system of particle transfer ("Beam me up, Scotland") or a time Tardis, the problem remains. Most children, like mine, are spoilt. This is disastrous. I withdraw my bribe. He affects indecision. I threaten, I cajole, I plead, I up my bribe. Nothing doing. It must be me. The FPA seems to have done well enough.

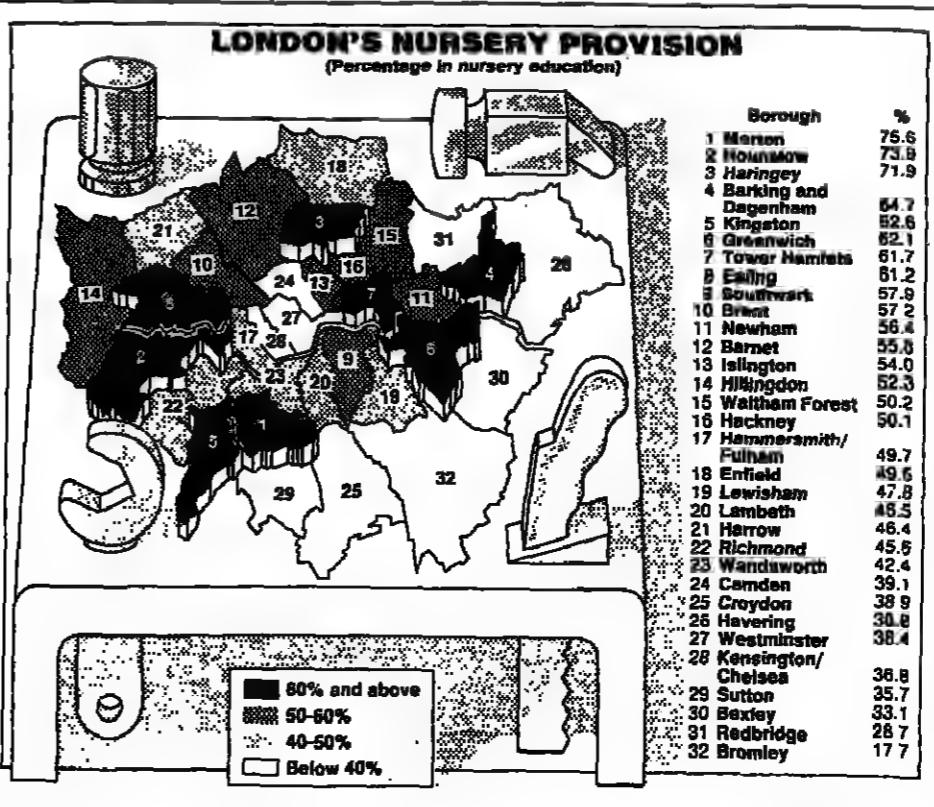
Children want to know, parents need to tell. "Responsibility" bulked large amid the labia and testes and I am trying, for God's sake, I'm not embarrassed; indeed, in the midst of writing a book on this very subject it takes some pretty weird stuff to face me. But my first born, the fruit of my loins, does not want to know. Or they don't. The three wise monkeys would crack first.

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ground in the country," she says, although a lively village with an active parish council tends to encompass a lively playgroup or nursery school as well.

Estate agents are ill-informed on the subject, Ms McGhie says. "It's best to go to the village and actually talk to people and pick up the social indicators."

A good state nursery school, in itself, will not affect property prices unless it is combined with a good secondary school. In Wandsworth, however, the fame of the Beatrix Potter state nursery school adds a premium of about 10 per cent to property prices in the area, says Emma Collins from estate agents Barnard Marcus.

Nursery schools not only affect the children, points out Ms McGhie. "They are also very important for mothers under pressure, who are feeling depressed and trapped with young children."

Her advice is for young parents to think carefully about the provision of nursery education before their next move. Estate agents should perhaps rephrase their platitudes. There are three things that matter when moving: location, location, and nursery education. It even rhymes.

**RACHEL KELLY**

# Last leap for the House of Lords?

If election pledges are kept, the second chamber could be nearer than ever to the brink.

**Kate Muir** asks peers their plans

**L**ike most other Marxist institutions, the House of Lords has had its day. The 4th Earl Russell alerted peers to this and their true political nature in a speech to the House in 1978. "There should be universal leisure for all and a standing wage ought to be supplied... so that everybody becomes a leisured aristocrat — aristocrats are Marxists."

He added that "naked bathing on beaches or in rivers ought to be universal", and finished with the prescient warning: "Mr Brezhnev and Mr Carter are really the same person." The earl's endearing dottiness was fanned, one previous contribution being a speech on crocheting his trousers out of string.

Such speeches will soon be no more, if the hung Parliament or the Kinnoch victory looming in some polls becomes reality. Eccentricity is threatened. Both Labour and the Liberal Democrats have pledged to abolish the House of Lords, yet no one is paying that fact the slightest attention.

Both parties are plotting to replace the Lords with an elected second chamber, a senate reflecting the regions and nations of the United Kingdom. The Liberal Democrats want 100 members and a two-year delaying power on non-economic bills; Labour wants 200 members and a five-year delay on "legislation adjudged to reduce civil liberties or human rights". The result will be 1,194 peers on the streets.

Naturally, many peers do not want to forgo their "turn to get their noses in the trough", as Roy Hattersley put it at Labour's press conference on constitutional reform last week. He has led the attack for years on what he describes as an "anachronism", but his own party's barons are less vehement in their condemnation. Secretly, they relish like the creature comforts and kudos afforded by the Lords.

Lord Cledwyn, a life peer and leader of the Opposition peers, does not leap with joy at the word abolition. "In the last 13 years the Lords has performed a very important function and is now accepted in Parliament and the country as



For the high jump? The (mostly) old peers seem to have plenty of life in them yet, but Labour and the Liberal Democrats plan to abolish their House and replace it with an elected second chamber

having produced a significant and constructive opposition," he says, skirting the point.

Others are more direct. "It really is God's waiting room, a marvellous place for old gentlemen to live out their last years chatting and reminiscing," says Lord Willis, the playwright and creator of the television series *Dixon of Dock Green* and *Black Beauty*. "I love the old place, but I mustn't let that kind of luxury blind me to its constitutional defects."

At 74, he says he is the longest-serving Labour life peer after 29 years in the House, and subscribes to the "it's undemocratic but it works" school of thought. He credits the creation of more life peers and the Thatcher years with perking up the House, which is now running at an average of 16 government defeats a year. He thinks the balance of power between the Lords and the Commons is about right, and points to the

problems Australia has with its elected second house flexing its muscles.

His views are echoed by Lord Waddington, the former Tory home secretary, now Lord Privy Seal. "A second House elected in the same way as the Commons would be no good to man or beast. If it is a potential rival to the Commons it will not be long before it demands far greater powers."

Besides a hundred or so members of a senate would rule around on the red leather seats of the present chamber. There would be none of those wonderful sights such as a flock of judges fighting for space on the second woolsack during the state opening of Parliament. Who would fill the long tables in the three dining rooms, the members' library, and the shooting gallery in the basement recently refurbished for £20,000?

Lord Willis, with his television eye, recognises such potential. "I

particularly like the introduction of a new peer, who is sandwiched between two sponsoring lords to protect him from any sword attacks. They march round the woolsack, go back to the bench, the peer takes a three-cornered hat three times to the king of England, king of Ireland and king of Scotland, none of which exists, and being careful not to trip on his red dressing gown, takes his place. It's ludicrous, and rather touching."

Other traditions may be flattened by reform, like the "moneybox" peers, aristocracy who need a £59 a day attendance and secretarial allowance. Some, however, seem plain greedy. A group of youngish hereditary peers, most with full-time jobs, are known as the "cocktail set". They zoom up in flash cars at about 6pm, deposit their girlfriends with a G and T in the bar, attend the chamber for a

few minutes and head off, having earned £59 tax free.

The "cocktail set" is much scorned by the older peers, who know that the real purpose of the House is sleep. In fact, Lord Willis is quick to deny this, pointing out that there are microphones in the back of each bench, and peers lean back to listen. Indeed, those with diminishing hearing may close their eyes to enhance perception.

"The Lords adhere to an unwritten rule that sleeping should be done in the library. There is a room at the end which is supposed to be silent, but after 2.30pm, you find people recuperating from a fine lunch, and the snores are loud," he says.

As a revising chamber for legislation, the Lords could live without reform. It is easy to attack logically, but it works. Those who attend are effective, and those who are uninterested stay at home, resulting in about 200 regulars. In 1968, the Lords had the sense to vote for a

reform bill ending voting membership for hereditary peers and turning over the work to life peers, but the measure was defeated in the Commons.

Of course, there are some Lords

who want to do the opposite. The Conservative Lord Sudeley sounds as though he either has his teeth out (unlikely at 53) or his plums in, but he seems to be saying that the House of Lords will only become "an effective counterpoise to an over-powerful Commons if the creation of life peers ceases".

The old aristocracy, he adds with a snif, believed that the possession of plumbers was a trust which created duties to govern fairly.

"Perhaps if your ancestors are used to being given space and treated with respect, that confidence comes down to you. Mind you, I doubt one would think the same about, say, the inherited skills of plumbers." He stops to point out that his theories are not fully developed, since he is presently researching the 13th century. "Still, the reformers have got to realise that they are not just pulling down a debating chamber. They are pulling down a cathedral."

## His brother's campaigner

**Mordechai Vanunu has spent 2,000 days alone in an Israeli cell, but his cause is not forgotten**



Cautiously optimistic: Meir Vanunu in London

**S**trewn with works of literature and classical music tapes, Meir Vanunu's attic room in north London is more like a scholar's garret than the headquarters of an international human rights campaign.

But for four years Mr Vanunu's bedroom has doubled up as the office of the campaign to free his elder brother Mordechai, the imprisoned Israeli nuclear technician who in 1986 blew the whistle on Israel's nuclear weapons capability.

When I arrive, Mr Vanunu is in the middle of an animated phone conversation with a contact and waves me over to a rocking chair. On top of the usual round of calls and letter writing, he has been spending his days in court watching Oscar Guerrero, the Colombian journalist who introduced Mordechai to *The Sunday Times* in 1986, try to squeeze £230,000 out of the newspaper.

The judge was unimpressed, dismissing Mr Guerrero's claim that he had been robbed of a scoop. Mr Guerrero emerged as a con-man who had manipulated a naive young man for his own gain, plucking him from idealistic obscurity in Australia and committing him to a path that ended in a lonely prison cell. If nothing else, Mr Vanunu says, the trial has illuminated the origins of the whole unhappy business.

Mr Guerrero led Peter Hounam of *The Sunday Times* to Sydney to interview Mordechai, who eventually flew to London to tell all. His disclosures about Dimona, the nuclear reactor centre in the Negev desert, appeared on October 5, 1986, and convinced experts that Israel had a stockpile of 100 to 200 warheads.

By then he had already disappeared, kidnapped London and spirited back to Israel where he was convicted of espionage, treason and revealing state secrets, and sentenced to 18 years' imprisonment in a trial conducted behind closed doors. He has now spent 2,000 days in solitary confinement. Having disclosed the details of his brother's abduction by Mossad, Meir Vanunu now faces 15 years in jail in his home country.

The last year has been one of mixed fortunes and omens for the Vanunu campaign. In February, the Israeli supreme court rejected Mordechai's appeal for a retrial, having earlier dismissed a petition to end his solitary confinement (the justification being that he might otherwise reveal yet more state secrets, including the details of his kidnapping).

As genial as he is single-minded, Meir Vanunu, now 35, talks easily about a predicament which would leave most speechless with frustration. When the news of Mordechai's disappearance broke in October 1986, he left a comfortable life in Boston and returned to Israel to find out what was going on.

Five years later he is still campaigning "more than full time" on his brother's behalf, making his pitch to those journalists and politicians who will listen, and marshalling the limited resources of the Vanunu Trust, which now has its own office in Euston. He is

to Mordechai what Jill Morrell was to John McCarthy, a bridge to the outside world.

But his job is trickier. Unlike Miss Morrell, he must convince the doubters that his brother is a hostage to principle, rather than a spy who got what was coming to him.

The Archbishop of Canterbury refused last month to take up the Vanunu case on the ground that "there is no government which would not put someone in prison for such an offence".

"Technically speaking, Mordechai broke Israeli law," his brother says. "But Israel acted illegally for many years, building its nuclear programme and kept it secret from the Israeli people, from the elected members of parliament and from the international community."

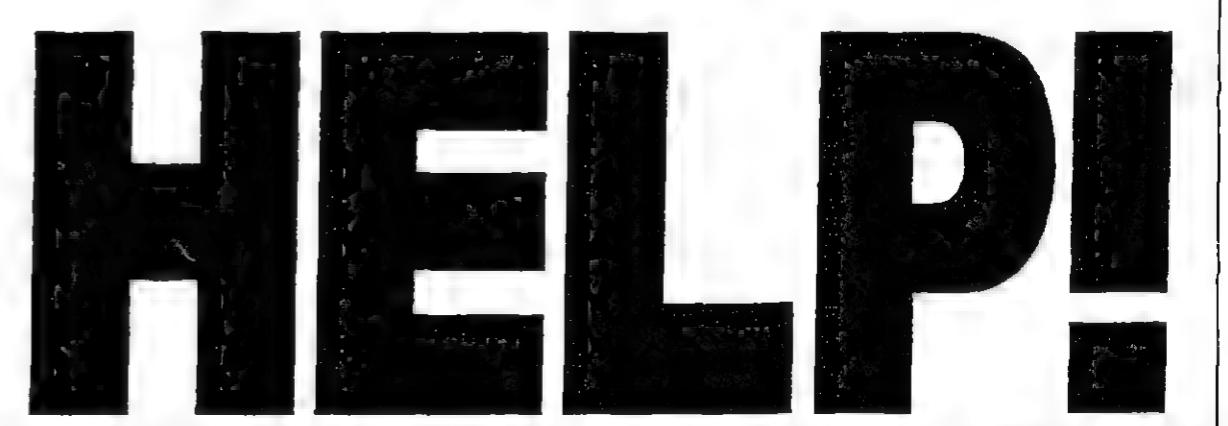
**T**he right know, he says, is sometimes more important than the imperatives of national security. Thus Mordechai prised open the clamped fist of military censorship and whispered to the world the secret of the plant in the Negev desert, where he had worked as a technician for nine years. The world listened to the message and then forgot about the messenger.

"He brought us that evidence and it's there and we're using it today," Mr Vanunu says. "So why isn't there a bit of recognition? A man was definitely kidnapped from European soil and what did Britain do about it? Nothing."

Instead, the imprisoned whistle-blower spends his days in a cell measuring 6ft by 10ft, with a drain hole that doubles as a lavatory and shower, and takes exercise in a special yard away from other inmates at the Astartek prison 50 miles from Jerusalem — grim conditions which are beginning to take their toll in the form of dizzy spells.

Some rough justice has appointed Meir Vanunu his brother's keeper. "I want nothing more than to guide him into his new world, his new reality, and after the terrible trauma he has been through, help him to stand on his own two feet. That's the most I can do for him."

**MATTHEW D'ANCONA**



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## The trouble with Bafta

wards ceremonies have the appeal of motor racing mixed with a modestly cultural quiz show. Along with the excitement of guessing the likely winner, there is the ghoulish pleasure in watching disappointed losers grin and bear it. Every so often, someone crashes very publicly. For Bafta, the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, it seems the wheels are coming off.

Many people at the Bafta awards ceremony a fortnight ago, and elsewhere in television, have been unhappy about how the voting system works. Along with the current row over whether *GBH* or *Prime Suspect* won the Best TV Drama Series Awards, ITV has been threatening to withdraw from the awards altogether.

ITV has long claimed there is a built-in Bafta bias towards the BBC. But the BBC makes up only a quarter of the Bafta membership. Moreover, this year's awards were split 11 to BBC, 11 to ITV and eight to Channel Four, hardly evidence of pro-BBC bias. There have also been allegations of corruption in the past: packing juries with friends and colleagues or, worse, as is alleged in the case of *GBH*, the secret ballot producing a different outcome. Today the Bafta council reveals the outcome of its investigation into allegations of vote rigging, but as the voting slips are destroyed weeks before the ceremony, there is little to be done.

The council is also wrestling with the major complaint that much important work is not even nominated. The awards are presented to the public as representing the judgment of our peers. But the selection is made by a system that cannot cope. It presumes all the members see – and remember – a great deal more film and television than they actually have done throughout the year.

The Bafta membership is a mixed group of 2,500 largely middle-aged film and television producers, technicians and administrators. Members suggest programmes for all the categories, and this list is then circulated for endorsement. The cinemas films are voted on by all members, but for television, the top four nominations are put to a jury of invited professionals. The system has pitfalls at every stage.

The British Academy of Film and Television Arts is not quite as "academic" as its suggests. It originally was only concerned with film. Its chief attraction was and is the free screening of the latest releases for members. When it only dealt with cinema, most members saw all the entries. Even now, nominated feature films are shown

### VIEWPOINT

Roger Graef



to members in the run-up to the final vote.

When, in the mid-1970s, the academy changed its name to include television, the awards system ballooned to take in a huge cross-section of programmes and technical crafts. The televised evenings groaned under their length. Over the years, Bafta has tried to bring the whole gigantic affair back to scale. Extracts from nominations were cut to the minimum, as were acceptance speeches. Recently, all the craft awards were hived off to a separate evening. But the central fault remains: like the television audience itself, the membership cannot not keep up with the plethora of work about which its opinion is asked.

The trouble with Bafta is that of British film and television: it does not operate as one audio-visual community, as in France or Germany. Half the Bafta members work in film. Those in television split evenly between the BBC and ITV, and independents. As casualisation has risen, people feel even more isolated. Documentary makers see no common ground with drama or light entertainment. Administrators feel little in common with any of the makers. The technical grades stick together, while the engineers are yet another separate culture, and tend to join the Royal Television Society. Many good young programme makers don't join at all.

The general effect of this fragmentation can be seen in the successful political assaults on the BBC, ITV, and the British film industry, each of which fought their own corner over the years. It also undermines efforts to agree on what constitutes "quality television".

At Bafta, it means members vote on programmes, films and categories of work about which they may know next to nothing. The jury sees only the four nominated programmes. If the wrong episode

represents a series, or the final short-list is awry, there is little the jury can do. I have chaired a jury that refused to award any prize at all for both reasons.

This year, many of the most interesting documentaries were made in the BBC1 *Inside Story* strand, which was not even nominated for Best Factual Series, nor any of its films for Best Single Documentary. The BBC makes more Arts programmes than ITV and Channel 4 put together, but none made it into the final four.

This has implications for the future of British television. The vast majority of Bafta members were either working the ludicrous normal in film and television, or, like most viewers, watching something else. BBC2's *The Second Russian Revolution*, won the RTS Journalism Award, but had very few audiences and no Bafta nomination.

Highly praised individual programmes are often not repeated for a year, so it is pure chance that Bafta members will see them on transmission. Perhaps old series keep winning, not through bias, but because they may be the only titles many film members recall.

Bafta film members also insist on including American films in the British Academy Awards. The result is that British films stand less and less chance of winning in their own country. This is unnecessary, and unfair. The BBC, Channel 4 and ITV also produce films that win in many festivals. (*Black Velvet Gown* won an International Emmy and a NY Film Festival award, but was not nominated for Bafta.)

Awards matter; our film and television are in crisis, with investment scarce, and competition from cable and satellite. Sadly, there is no correlation between audience size and programme quality, especially in documentary, drama and comedy. Repeats of nominated or winning programmes would draw fresh viewers, keen to share the jury's choice.

For hard-pressed executives, the prospect of the prestige of an award can be a valuable incentive against the safety of familiar names and tested formulae. Unless we promote risk-taking and quality, we will soon turn out what the Americans call "product", and the awards ceremony will become just another trade show. And series like *GBH* and *Inside Story* may not be made.

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• Roger Graef has been a Bafta member for 20 years, serving on its council and many juries. He won the 1982 Bafta award for Best Documentary Series.

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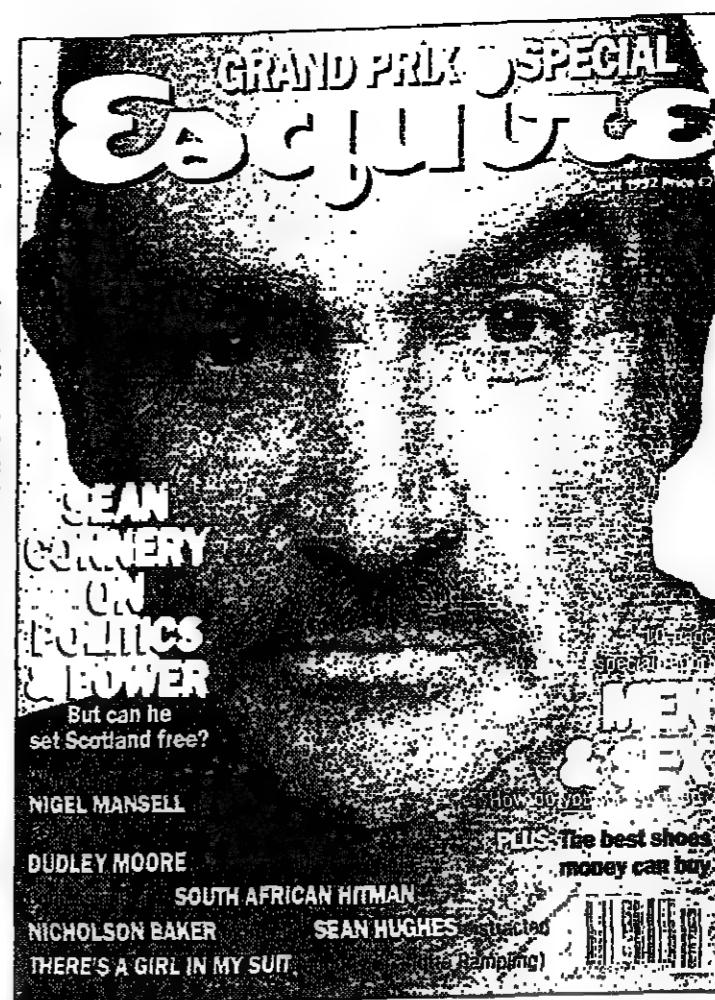
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Robin Hunt talks to Rosie Boycott, editor of the British version of *Esquire*, which is fighting to survive after a wobbly launch and in the face of stiff competition

**T**hose believing that with the demise of the Iron Curtain the days of the show-trial are over should look no further than *Esquire* magazine's letters page this month.

"After some disappointment with the early issues," writes Ian Bentley of Essex, remembering "half-empty pages, non-features featuring nonentities and cartoons which just weren't funny," the magazine is now close to an ideal balance.

But for now, heaven can wait: *Esquire* did not launch well here. While its arch-rival, Condé Nast's *GQ*, muscled down under Alexander Shulman to become a successful, brusque, fashion-heavy read (*GQ*'s reward was the editor's desk at *Vogue*), *Esquire* meandered through the backwaters of its long heritage.

*Esquire* comes with the kind of track record that press officers would buy five lunches at the Connaught for. Next year it will be 60. In America it has long been associated with high-quality writers – from Hemingway and Dorothy Parker in the Thirties to Tom Wolfe, Norman Mailer and Truman Capote in the Sixties.

When the magazine arrived in Britain its successful American editor came with it. Lee Eisenberg was a feisty pocket dynamo of sass. Mr Eisenberg would explain that the meeting-place of a fashion spread and Saul Bellow short story came when "the fashion pictures are of the human condition..."

Mr Eisenberg neither set the lead nor came up with the headline-grabbing literary journalism that these days *Vanity Fair* seems to corner. Mr Eisenberg never really came to grips with the British market. His vision of it was, at best, that of someone who had watched too many repeats of *Brideshead Revisited* on public-service broadcasting.

Ms Boycott arrived at *Esquire* with a strong track record in magazines and a lot of experience of life with a capital *L*: *Spare Rib* founder, reformed alcoholic and author of a book on her addiction, editor in Kuwait of a magazine for Arab women, editor of *Discount Trader* magazine, commissioning editor of *The Sunday Telegraph*, deputy editor of *Harper's & Queen*. Her private life tends to the exotic too, with tales of strange animals as pets, as well as a decidedly literary set, taking up temporary residence in her home.

Mailer and Truman Capote in the Sixties.

go to America but it doesn't

translate. Perhaps it is something to do with America being bigger and grander and Americans coming here with a sense of how to do it, whereas we go to America with a sense that we are prepared to learn and maybe that's what Canadians and Australians do in Britain, they come open-minded. "Whether the answer is true or not, Lee Eisenberg is back in New York.

"People get an idea in their head and you have to change that," says Ms Boycott as she tries to turn *Esquire* around. "We had real problems, the magazine was full of American hang-ups, it all smelt of a magazine that didn't have to work on the news-stand," she says. In America the majority of *Esquire*'s sales are on



# The right time to be a publisher

Graduates entering book publishing may expect to deal with the finer points of literary style. However, instead of discussing simile and metaphor, they are more likely to talk the trade jargon of production and promotion — blurb, dumplings, spinners, four-colour separation, spine widths, shelftalkers and TV tie-ins.

Today, young publishers must prepare for a competitive business career where numeracy may be as important as literacy.

Book sales have held up well in the recession, although staff levels have been trimmed. Certainly 1992 is an interesting time to enter the industry. Retail price maintenance is under pressure and new fiction is being launched in paperback. But how to get in against fierce competition?

Sally Clack, Penguin Books' personnel manager, says: "We do not have a formal graduate recruitment programme but we do recruit graduates into secretarial roles. You do not have to be an ace shorthand typist. Competent keyboard skills would be OK."

Sue Kendall, the personnel manager at Random Century, parent company of Jonathan Cape, Chatto & Windus and Hutchinson, says: "Nearly all Random's editorial staff come in as secretaries who have done an office skills course."

Both companies receive many speculative job applications, a com-

mon way into an industry where many jobs are not advertised. Ms Kendall says this approach is worth trying. She says: "We are all looking to save money and if we can employ somebody without paying for advertising or using an agency, then we will do so." She recommends "writing to a named person, having some idea of what you want to do, and being realistic about what to expect".

A publishing qualification is regarded as a bonus for graduates, not a necessity. Miss Clack believes "postgraduate diploma in publishing can give you an edge as you have an overview of the whole publishing system", and Penguin has recruited students from Watford College in Hertfordshire.

Job-seekers must do their homework. Ms Kendall would not expect a new graduate to know about all the books coming out of a publishing group but believes they should know the different imprints — the publisher's names on the cover. "It is surprising how many graduates do not know," she says. "All they have to do is some research in a bookshop."

Nearly all publishing hopefuls initially want to work in editorial

but most jobs are in production, marketing, sales and accounting. Caroline Hird, the marketing director at Kogan Page, a business books publisher, says: "Book marketing people need copywriting skills, a creative outlook and, increasingly, an understanding of direct marketing." She liaises with editorial and sales departments and works on promotion, publicity and direct mail campaigns.

**S**he urges graduates not to concentrate exclusively on high-profile fiction and not to be deterred by competition. "It is not true that getting in is supremely difficult," she says. "There are not a huge number of jobs as publishing companies are becoming leaner, but if you go about it in the right way, you can do it. Research the stages of production of a book and bone up on the catalogue before the interview."

Editors need a mix of the organisational and the creative. Alison Berry, the publishing director of Red Fox children's paperbacks and Tellytubby children's books on tape, says: "You are the central liaison person in the publishing process. You must be sensitive to the needs of the author and the publisher."

Nearly all publishing hopefuls initially want to work in editorial

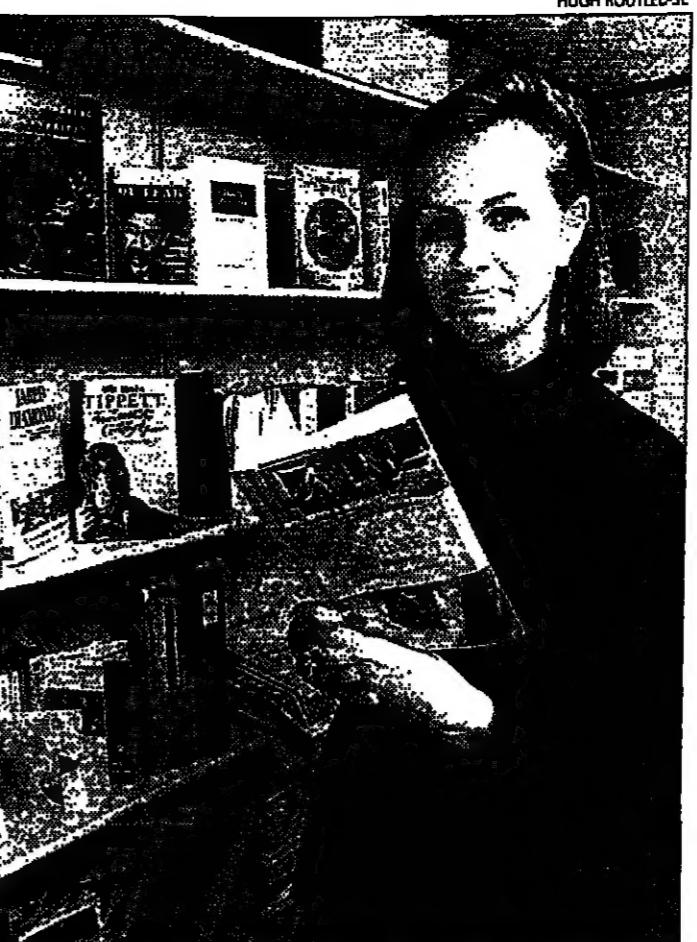
to get the best out of an author but you also have to make tough, unemotional decisions and be prepared to tell a writer, 'Look, this has not worked'."

When recruiting she looks for "somebody with a genuine commitment to children's books, somebody who still enjoys children's books as an adult, and who can make intelligent comments about the books they might see at interview, rather than giving them a cursory glance".

Training is largely on the job, supplemented by short courses. Most jobs are in London, Oxford, Cambridge and Glasgow, and opportunities for science graduates are in scientific, technical and medical publishing. Full-time jobs are few as publishing companies make more use of freelancers.

However, Astron Appointments, a publishing recruitment consultancy, describes prospects as "moving slowly in the right direction". Salaries start at about £10,000, and two in every three people in publishing are now female.

• More details: Publishers Association, 19 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3HJ; Society of Young Publishers, c/o J. Whitaker & Sons, 12 Dyer Street, London WC1A 1DF; Book House Training Centre, 45 East Hill, London SW18 2QZ; Directory of Publishing 1992 (Cassell). Publishing courses: Design College of Art and Design, London; College of Printing, Napier Polytechnic in Edinburgh; Oxford Polytechnic; Watford College



Tips from Karen Holden: "Be brash and brave. Make contacts"

## PROFILE Graduate's progress

KAREN HOLDEN is an editorial assistant at Hutchinson, which employs 20 people in editorial, production and publicity. *Derek Morgan* writes. Ms Holden, a 27-year-old languages graduate, first worked for a computer company. "I had been told it might be easier to get into publishing with some general business experience," she says. "I am not sure I would subscribe to that view now."

Persistence, temporary work and a two-week typing course resulted in a publicity assistant's post at Pan Macmillan. A year later Ms Holden became secretary to the editorial director at a Macmillan imprint, Picador. When her boss moved, she followed, becoming editorial assistant at Hutchinson.

Ms Holden works mainly on *Radius*, a science, politics and biography list, but has done text-editing on Sir Michael Tippett's autobiography, *Those Twentieth Century Blues*, and worked on *From the House of War*, by the television journalist John Simpson.

She regularly attends book launch receptions. Another attraction is researching new fields.

Her advice to would-be publishers: "Be brash and brave. Build up contacts. Read *The Bookseller*. Get any freelance experience you can, such as proof-reading. Once you are in, show yourself willing to take on whatever is thrown at you."

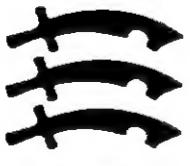
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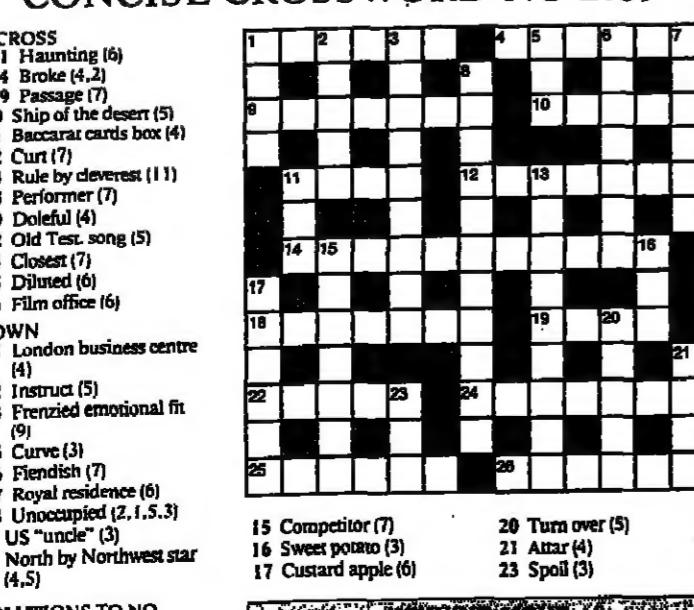
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